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**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION**

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Recommends that the Faculty Senate, University President, and University Board of Governors actively encourage the Higher Education Policy Commission and state legislators to introduce a new legislation that amends the outdated "pop-tax" law. This new bill should raise the pop-tax rate to generate new revenue. This new revenue would be equitably shared between The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine at Marshall University and the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

RATIONALE:


1. The "pop-tax" law (1cent per 16 oz-bottle of soft drink) for medical education in the state of West Virginia has generated about \$12 million dollars per year. This tax revenue goes exclusively to support the WVU School of Medicine.
2. This law was enacted in the 1950's prior to the establishment of The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine at Marshall University and the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. These two schools have never received any support from the pop-tax revenue.

FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT:

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