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By Committee on Ways & Means

1 On page 5, on line 6, after "(3)" insert the following:

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3 "\$250,000 of the common school construction account--state is
4 provided solely for the development of recommendations on how the
5 school construction assistance program can better support state policy
6 objectives to reform and improve public education. A report
7 describing the recommendations and their projected costs and benefits
8 must be submitted to the appropriate committees of the legislature by
9 September 1, 2014. The superintendent of public instruction must
10 convene an advisory group to assist in the development of these
11 recommendations. The advisory group must include representation from
12 general classroom teachers at various grade levels, teachers of
13 subjects that require specialized facilities such as science
14 laboratories and vocational facilities, school facility managers,
15 school facility designers, and other experts on the relationship
16 between the quality and design of educational facilities and student
17 academic performance. The advisory group must review and consider
18 findings and recommendations in the 2009 joint legislative task force
19 on school construction funding. The recommendations must consider ways
20 to provide financial assistance to develop and improve educational
21 facilities to support at least the following policy objectives:

22 (a) greater access and more effective instruction in science,
23 technology, engineering and math,

24 (b) class-size reduction in grades K-3,

25 (c) increased efficiency in the use of high cost specialized
26 school facilities, such as the shared use of specialized facilities at
27 skills centers and community colleges,

1 (d) simplifying the school construction assistance program by
2 scheduling multiple release dates each year,

3 (e) improving web-based access by taxpayers to school capacity and
4 actual enrollment in order to understand possible opportunities to
5 increase efficiency through consolidation. The office of the
6 superintendent of public instruction must post this capacity and
7 enrollment information on its web site.

8 (4) "

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10 On page 5, increase the amount on lines 11 by \$250,000 and adjust
11 the subtotal and total accordingly.

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EFFECT: Requires OSPI to recommend how the school construction
assistance program can better support state policy objectives to
reform and improve public education.

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