

SHB 2985 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Ways & Means

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 28A.525.055 and 2006 c 263 s 304 are each amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The rules adopted by the superintendent of public instruction  
6 for determining eligibility for state assistance for new construction  
7 shall exclude from the inventory of available educational space those  
8 spaces that have been:

9 (a) Constructed for educational and community activities from  
10 grants received from other public or private entities; or

11 (b) Vacated by new construction in lieu of modernization; and

12 (i) Used for purposes of supporting state-funded all-day  
13 kindergarten or class size reduction in kindergarten through third  
14 grade, if the lack of district facilities warrants such a use; or

15 (ii) The district is experiencing a short-term special school  
16 housing burden due to enrollment growth and failed school  
17 construction bond elections within the prior five years.

18 (2) The exclusion in subsection (1)(b) of this section applies  
19 for state assistance for new construction awarded from July 1, 2016,  
20 through June 30, 2021.

21 (3) Educational spaces with classrooms occupied by students  
22 specified in subsection (1)(b) of this section must meet the safety  
23 standards for public school facilities.

24 (4) For the purposes of this section, "school housing burden"  
25 means the current instructional facility inventory does not provide  
26 the classroom capacity needed for the current or projected enrollment  
27 of the school district, as determined by the office of the  
28 superintendent of public instruction. The office shall give  
29 consideration to available instructional facility inventory or  
30 capacity of the neighboring school district."

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1        On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "construction;" strike the  
2 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 28A.525.055."

EFFECT: Specifies failed bond elections must be within the prior five years.

Requires that educational spaces with classrooms occupied with students must meet the public school safety standards.  
School housing burden is defined.

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