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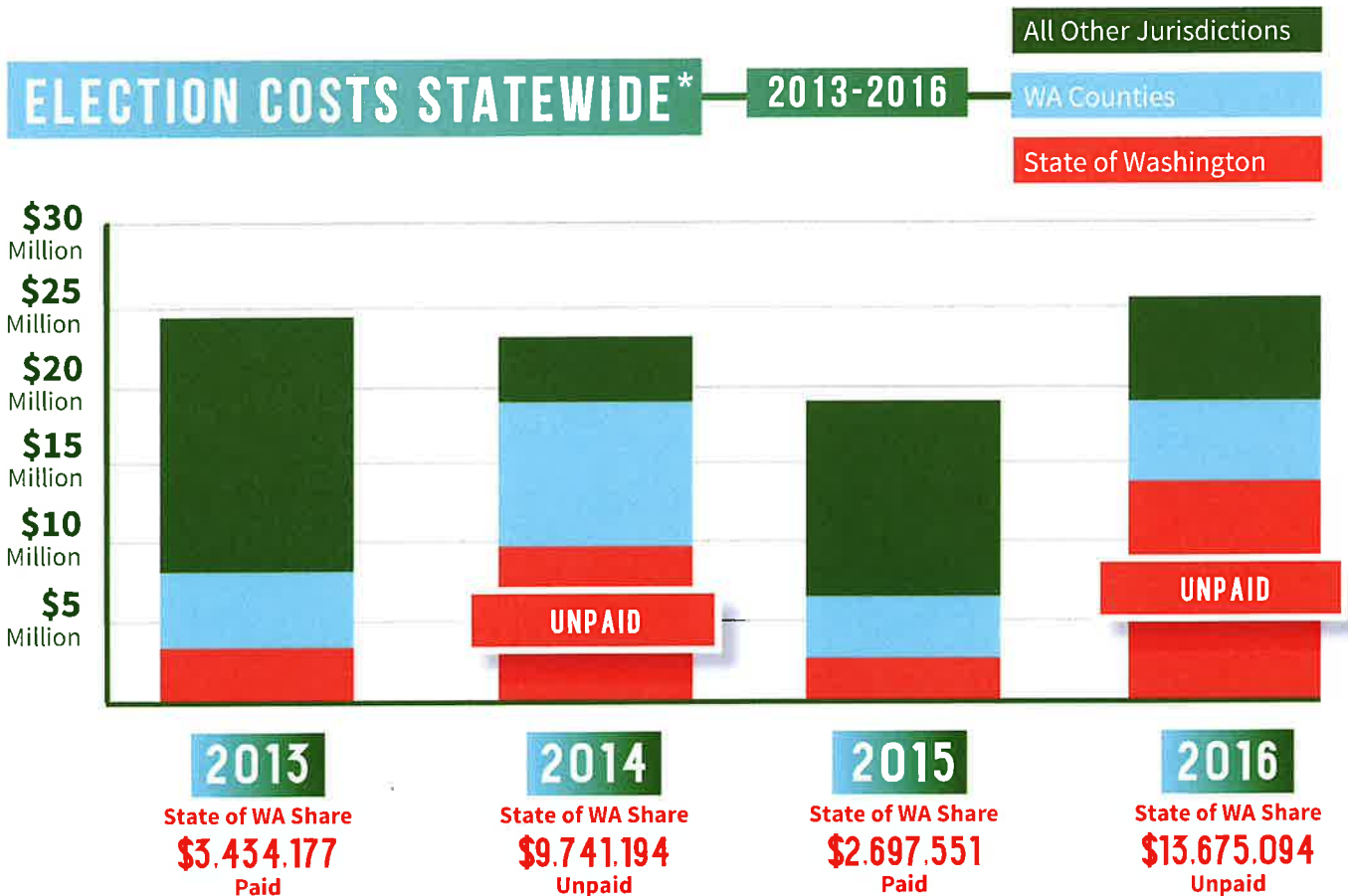
SESSION LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

FAIR SHARE ELECTION FUNDING

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE REIMBURSEMENT OF ELECTION COSTS.

This proposal asks the State to pay a proportionate share of elections and recounts, just as local jurisdictions and districts do. Currently, the State only pays its share of costs in odd years. This bill would extend the requirement for state payment of election costs to odd *and* even years.

Counties bill direct and indirect election costs to jurisdictions using the BARS Manual and accounting guidelines from the State Auditor's Office. The State is the only jurisdiction that doesn't pay its proportionate share in even years. When the State doesn't pay, state costs are absorbed by each county.



*Wahkiakum County only provided General Election data.

FAIR SHARE ELECTION EFFECTS

BY COUNTY

County	State Share 2013 Paid	State Share 2014 Unpaid	State Share 2015 Paid	State Share 2016 Unpaid	Unpaid Share Over 4 Years
Adams	\$6,579	\$22,976	\$25,345	\$42,442	\$65,418
Asotin	\$10,531	\$12,023	\$5,900	\$9,529	\$21,552
Benton	\$79,454	\$111,441	\$54,575	\$278,983	\$390,424
Chelan	\$31,116	\$85,808	\$31,285	\$70,323	\$156,131
Clallam	\$29,964	\$143,059	\$24,104	\$177,431	\$320,490
Clark	\$100,848	\$403,906	\$110,300	\$811,189	\$1,215,095
Columbia	\$522	\$2,775	\$486	\$4,243	\$7,018
Cowlitz	\$37,447	\$96,817	\$32,494	\$330,556	\$427,373
Douglas	\$20,826	\$56,390	\$17,260	\$134,074	\$190,464
Ferry	\$11,075	\$4,318	\$3,024	\$11,591	\$15,909
Franklin	\$45,983	\$147,776	\$105,920	\$267,178	\$414,954
Garfield	\$611	\$2,332	\$3,750	\$6,125	\$8,457
Grant	\$11,595	\$22,968	\$14,122	\$16,481	\$39,449
Grays Harbor	\$17,946	\$53,976	\$17,575	\$118,185	\$172,161
Island	\$35,608	\$99,223	\$25,807	\$273,759	\$372,982
Jefferson	\$11,405	\$29,983	\$11,153	\$70,595	\$100,578
King	\$1,383,589	\$4,266,289	\$990,265	\$4,673,262	\$8,939,551
Kitsap	\$242,840	\$399,601	\$107,218	\$667,967	\$1,067,568
Kittitas	\$15,748	\$38,331	\$10,896	\$36,689	\$75,020
Klickitat	\$7,737	\$29,348	\$12,284	\$47,770	\$77,118
Lewis	\$22,954	\$53,656	\$22,140	\$85,359	\$139,015
Lincoln	\$11,547	\$37,920	\$10,458	\$47,144	\$85,064
Mason	\$29,664	\$98,145	\$35,046	\$137,029	\$235,174
Okanogan	\$25,232	\$33,494	\$12,264	\$53,169	\$86,663
Pacific	\$5,355	\$22,515	\$12,362	\$33,933	\$56,448
Pend Oreille	\$32,003	\$38,206	\$11,595	\$86,100	\$124,306
Pierce	\$297,152	\$910,867	\$206,261	\$1,143,250	\$2,054,117
San Juan	\$8,812	\$39,366	\$11,616	\$76,684	\$116,050
Skagit	\$52,042	\$101,310	\$45,064	\$188,256	\$289,566
Skamania	\$9,275	\$26,085	\$10,130	\$65,219	\$91,304
Snohomish	\$156,751	\$797,192	\$121,402	\$957,442	\$1,754,634
Spokane	\$190,186	\$401,686	\$132,165	\$806,507	\$1,208,193
Stevens	\$67,172	\$69,031	\$28,818	\$106,761	\$175,792
Thurston	\$103,450	\$239,632	\$100,977	\$705,143	\$944,775
Wahkiakum	\$5,311	\$8,487	\$2,648	\$4,934	\$13,421
Walla Walla	\$53,102	\$83,263	\$51,388	\$181,298	\$264,561
Whatcom	\$74,147	\$383,770	\$80,643	\$398,843	\$782,613
Whitman	\$20,651	\$53,720	\$67,176	\$83,180	\$136,900
Yakima	\$167,934	\$313,497	\$131,622	\$466,460	\$779,957
TOTAL	\$3,426,440	\$9,711,845	\$2,685,266	\$13,675,094	\$23,416,265