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### **Proposition 1B: Education Funding Repayment**

In 1988, voters passed Proposition 98, which set a minimum amount that the state is required to spend on K-12 and community college education in each year's budget. When the state can't pay the minimum, whatever is left to be paid is considered debt that the state owes to schools and community colleges. Under Proposition 1B, that total current debt would be set at \$9.3 billion.

Under Proposition 1B, the state would be required to begin paying back this debt via regular payments, made in addition to the annual budget for education. These would be paid for from a newly established fund made up of 1.5 percent of general tax revenues each year, starting in 2011. Because creation of this new fund for repayment is included in Prop 1A, Prop 1B will not take effect unless Prop 1A also passes.

- **Supporters of Proposition 1B** say previous cuts in education spending have forced the layoffs of more than 5,000 teachers and threaten the jobs of 13,000 more. Money given back to education under Proposition 1B will allow school districts to rehire teachers, reduce class sizes, purchase up-to-date textbooks and restore critical education programs.

Supporters of Proposition 1B include the California Teachers Association, the California State Parent Teachers Association, and the California Retired Teachers Association.

- **Opponents of Proposition 1B** have not filed formal arguments with the Secretary of state, however, the *Oakland Tribune*, for example, is recommending a "no" vote on Proposition 1B saying the measure "commits the state to spending billions more than it can afford on education in coming years." The *Tribune* adds that Proposition 1B is "wrongheaded" and "the sort of ballot-box budgeting that exacerbates the state's budget woes." The *Tribune* also cites the Legislative Analyst's Office in suggesting the \$9.3 billion to be paid to schools is "overly generous, potentially providing billions of extra dollars each year."

Opponents of Proposition 1B include the California Federation of Teachers, the California Nurses Association and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees – state council.

#### **More info:**

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No on Proposition 1B: No campaign website currently available (per CA Sec. of State)

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