

May 8, 2014

NW14-006

TO: SPEEA Northwest Council

FROM: Northwest Legislative and Public Affairs Committee

SUBJECT: **PRESUBMITTED NEW BUSINESS: Support of Economic Opportunity Institute**

Background

The Economic Opportunity Institute (EOI) is a local economic think-tank associated with organized labor and working family issues.

For more information: <http://www.eoionline.org/about.htm>

Vision

- Update workplace standards for today's families
- Ensure Washington's children grow up healthy, safe and ready to succeed
- Create opportunities for every worker to save for a more secure retirement
- Advocate for a progressive tax structure

Mission

Restore the promise of the middle class by advancing public policies that promote educational opportunity, good jobs, healthy families, workplaces and dignified retirement.

The budget for EOI comes from unions, foundation grants, and private contributions from major individual donors. Each year, EOI hosts a dinner with keynote speakers and presents an award for outstanding public service.

2009 - Northwest Council authorized an annual contribution of \$2,500 (NW09-037).

2013 - Northwest Council authorized \$1,250 for a table at the annual Fundraising Dinner (NW13-014).

\$1,250 is included in the 2014-2015 budget and requires council authorization as an ongoing activity.

Motion

It is moved that: **THE NW SPEEA COUNCIL APPROVES AN ANNUAL DONATION OF \$1,250 TO FUND A TABLE AT THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY INSTITUTE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER.**