

SPECIFIC WAIVER COVER SHEET
CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
JULY 2003 AGENDA
Item No. WC-6

<p>TITLE: Request by Bassett Unified School District to waive <i>Education Code</i> (EC) Section 56362(c); allowing the caseload of the resource specialist to exceed the maximum caseload of 28 students by no more than four students. For Resource Specialists, Jaime Tambara assigned at Erwin Elementary School, Janice Lim assigned at Edgewood Academy and Helen Okawa assigned at Sunkist Elementary School.</p> <p>CDSIS: 25-5-2003</p>	<p>_____ ACTION _____ INFORMATION _____ PUBLIC HEARING <u> X </u> CONSENT</p>
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RECOMMENDATION: The Department recommends approval.

Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action:

Both *EC* Section 56362(c) and Title 5 *CCR* 3100, allow the State Board of Education to approve waivers of resource specialists to exceed the maximum caseload of 28 students by not more than four students. However, there are very specific requirements in these regulations which must be met for approval, and if these requirements are not met, the waiver must be denied.

Summary of Key Issue(s): The District states that there have been an unusually high number of referrals for special education service this year. The District is providing additional instructional aide time to all three Resource Specialists. All three Resource Specialists support the waiver and state that they will be able to provide all needed services. The waiver request indicates the caseload of the three Resource Specialists will not exceed the maximum statutory limit of 28 students by more than four students.

Therefore, the department recommends approval.

Authority for the waiver: *EC* Section 56101, and Title 5 *CCR* 3100

Bargaining unit(s) consulted on:

Position of bargaining unit (choose only one):

Neutral Support Oppose

Name of bargaining unit representative: Jaime Tambara and Cheryl Valsi

Local board approval date: May 8, 2003

Effective dates of request: January 2003 to June 15, 2003

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate): No known fiscal impacts

Background Information: Waiver request forms and supporting documents are available for inspection in the Waiver Office.