



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 153**

Hearing Date: February 12, 2007
Committee On: Education

Introducer(s): (Aguilar)

Title: Change provisions relating to legal actions over school districts in annexed territory

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - X Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

7	Yes	Senators Adams, Avery, Burling, Howard, Johnson, Kopplin, and Raikes
	No	
	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Ashford

Proponents:

Senator Ray Aguilar
Steve Joel
Lynn Cronk

Representing:

Introducer
Grand Island Public Schools
Grand Island Public Schools Board of Education

Opponents:

Bill Mowinkel

Representing:

Northwest Public Schools

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 153 would amend section 79-473 which deals with annexation, school district boundaries and requirements for school districts to negotiate in good faith.

LB 153 would add a subsection to 79-473 that in the case of legal action under the section where a plaintiff district is unsuccessful in obtaining a decision ordering further annexation negotiations would require a court to award the defendant school district court costs, reasonable attorney's fees, and other expenses related to the defense of such action as determined by the court.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Ron Raikes, Chairperson