



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 600**

Hearing Date: January 29, 2007
Committee On: Education

Introducer(s): (Raikes, 25)
Title: Provide for educational service unit boundary changes

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 Ron Raikes
Michael L. Ough
Brian L. Halstead

Representing:
Introducer
Educational Service Unit #2
Nebraska Department of Education

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 600 would require the State Board of Education to adjust educational service unit (E.S.U.) boundaries when the boundaries do not align with the boundaries of member school districts. The measure would also clarify the provisions for the use of a hearing officer to conduct a public hearing on an E.S.U. reorganization petition.

A new section would provide that the State Board of Education would adjust the boundaries of any E.S.U. for which the boundaries do not align with the boundaries of the member school districts. The State Board would be required to make such adjustments on or before July 31 of each year beginning with July 31, 2007. The boundary adjustments would be required to align the boundaries of the E.S.U. with the boundaries of the member school districts as the school

district boundaries existed on July 1 of that year. The adjustments would be referred to the appropriate county and E.S.U. officials to implement the adjustments and to make necessary changes in maps and tax records.

Section 79-1211 would be amended by replacing the requirement for a hearing officer to make a recommendation to the State Board of Education when conducting a public hearing on an E.S.U. reorganization petition. With the new provisions, the hearing officer would be required to issue a summary of the evidence presented and, if directed by the State Board, recommend a decision to the board. In addition to giving the State Board authority to decide whether or not to require a recommendation, the new provisions clarify that the recommendation would not be binding on the State Board.

Section 79-1201 would be amended to include the new section in the Educational Service Unit Act.

The measure contains an emergency clause.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Ron Raikes, Chairperson