



**Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008**  
**Committee Statement**  
**LB 605**

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**Hearing Date:** March 7, 2007

**Committee On:** Revenue

**Introducer(s):** (Raikes)

**Title:** Change tax levy and distribution provisions relating to educational service units

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

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

- 5 Yes                                      Senators Burling, Cornett, Dierks, Janssen and Raikes
  - 0 No
  - 3 Present, not voting      Senators Langemeier, Preister and White
  - 0 Absent
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**Proponents:**

Senator Ron Raikes  
Jim Pappas

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Bellevue Public Schools

**Opponents:**

John Lindsay  
Jess Wolf

**Representing:**

Omaha Public Schools  
Nebraska State Education Association

**Neutral:**

Virgil Horne  
Brian Hale

**Representing:**

Lincoln Public Schools  
Nebraska Association of School Boards

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 605 would amend sections 77-3443 (levy limits) and section 79-1225 (levy authority of educational service units) to eliminate the levy authority of any ESU which has only one member district. This would effectively eliminate the levy authority of the Omaha Public Schools and Lincoln Public Schools ESUs. Sections 3 & 4 would amend sections 79-1241 & 1243 to eliminate core services funding and technology infrastructure funding for these same ESUs. These restrictions would be operative for fiscal year 2010-11 and all fiscal years thereafter.

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**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

The Committee amendments eliminate the restrictions on core funding and change the operative fiscal year to 2013-14. As amended, LB 605 would eliminate the levy authority for a single district ESU beginning with fiscal year 2013-14.

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**Senator Ray Janssen, Chairperson**