

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -  
2008**

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**

**LB970**

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**Hearing Date:** February 12, 2008

**Committee On:** Education

**Introducer(s):** (Gay)

**Title:** Eliminate taxing authority of learning communities and change state aid calculations

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

Indefinitely Postponed

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**Vote Results:**

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

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**Proponents:**

Senator Tim Gay  
Steve Coleman

**Representing:**

Introducer  
PapillionLaVista Schools

**Opponents:**

John Lindsay  
John Deegan

**Representing:**

Omaha Public Schools  
Bellevue Public Schools

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

Legislative Bill 970 would repeal the common general fund and special building fund levies for learning communities and make corresponding state aid changes.

Section 77-3442 would be amended by removing the general fund and special building fund common levies for learning communities. The learning community levy for elementary learning center facilities and approved capital projects would be retained.

Section 79-1008.02 would be amended by removing the provisions for minimum levy adjustments based on learning community common levies.

Section 79-1022 would be amended by removing learning communities from the requirements for state aid certification and distribution.

Section 79-10,120 would be amended by removing the special building fund provisions specific to learning communities.

Section 79-10,126 would be amended by applying the fund provisions for Class V school districts that are not in a learning community to all Class V districts.

Section 79-2104 would be amended by removing the ability to levy and distribute common levies from the authority of learning community coordinating councils.

Sections 79-1008.01, 79-1015.01, and 79-2111 would be amended to harmonize cross references with the changes made in § 77-3442.

The following sections would be outright repealed:

79-1015: Transition aid calculations for new learning communities

79-1073: Distribution of learning community general fund common levies

79-1073.01: Distribution of learning community special building fund common levies

79-10,126.01: Fund provisions for Class V districts that are in a learning community

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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Senator Ron Raikes, Chairperson