



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 657

Chairperson: Ron Raikes
Committee: Education
Date of Hearing: March 12, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 657 would expand eligibility for distance education incentives and equipment reimbursements. Incentives for elementary distance education courses would be allowed if funds are available after equipment reimbursements and incentives for high school courses. The incentives for each course hour would be the lesser of \$10 or the funds available for elementary incentives divided by the hours of elementary distance education courses sent or received by all school districts and educational service units (E.S.U.'s). The equipment reimbursement for E.S.U.'s would be expanded to include up to one office with a distance education classroom for each 4,000 square miles within the E.S.U. The equipment reimbursement for school districts would be expanded by including former high school buildings with distance education classrooms that are no longer being used as high schools due to a school district merger.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Ron Raikes