



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 879

Chairperson: Ron Raikes
Committee: Education
Date of Hearing: February 11, 2008

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

LB 879 would create a construction, expansion, or alteration adjustment in the school finance formula.

School districts that are adding instructional square footage are faced with expenses that exceed the funding provisions contained in the current state finance formula. These expenses are part of new start up or operating costs, such as additional staffing or curricular materials, associated with the opening of a new building or an expanded or remodeled building. The current formula does not recognize the school district's expense need in a timely manner.

This bill proposes beginning in the 2009-2010 school year to provide additional needs in the state finance formula during the first two years that the school district has additional instructional square footage. The additional needs may result in additional state aid for an equalized school district.

The bill provides for a process of application and review between the local school district and the Department of Education.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Gail F. Kopplin