



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 970**

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**Chairperson:** Ron Raikes  
**Committee:** Education  
**Date of Hearing:** February 12, 2008

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

The intent of LB 970 is to eliminate the common levy for the general fund budgets and special building funds for school districts that are members of a learning community. The bill would treat a school district that is a member of a learning community the same as other school districts in the state by allowing such district to levy a maximum levy of one dollar and five cents for the operation of the district.

The bill would retain a provision of law that allows a learning community to levy a maximum levy of five cents for elementary learning center facilities and up to fifty percent of the estimated cost for capital projects approved by a learning community coordinating council pursuant to section 79-2111.

LB 970 also makes changes to the Tax Equity and Educational Support Act and is intended to treat learning community school districts and non-learning community school districts the same for the purpose of calculating state aid.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator Tim Gay**