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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 578

Chairperson: Greg Adams
Committee: Education
Date of Hearing: February 9, 2009

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

The average teacher salary in Nebraska over the past five years has continued to lag behind the average teacher salary in neighboring states as well as the national average. Nebraska's average teacher salary increased 2% from the 2006 to the 2007 fiscal year. Over the same period, state aid to schools increased by 8.9%.

LB 578 presents a means of ensuring that the compensation of Nebraska's teachers is proportional to increases in state aid. The bill requires each school district to expend a percentage of its state aid distribution on teacher compensation equivalent to the percentage of the school district's annual budget for teacher compensation.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Tony Fulton