

One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB53

Chairman: Senator Greg Adams

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 28, 2011

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

LB 53 addresses an issue involving transportation of students with a learning community. LB 53 requires transportation for students in a learning community who attend a school other than their home attendance school if they socio-economically integrate the school they transfer to and if they live more than a mile from the school. LB 53 eliminates the requirement in current law that transportation be provided to students who transfer pursuant to open enrollment but do not socio-economically integrate their new school. Under LB 53, any student who socio-economically integrates the school to which they transfer, whether it is a regular school, magnet school or focus school, would be eligible to receive transportation if they live more than a mile from the school, but students who do not socio-economically integrate would no longer be mandatory eligible. School districts could still choose to provide transportation to such students pursuant to a school district plan, if they can afford to do so.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Bob Krist, District 10