

One Hundred Second Legislature - Second Session - 2012

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB753

Chairperson: Senator Abbie Cornett

Committee: Revenue

Date of Hearing: February 22, 2012

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

LB753 amends 77-2704.24 to include soft drinks, which means nonalcoholic beverages that contain natural or artificial sweeteners. Soft drinks do not include beverages that contain milk or milk products, soy, rice, or similar milk substitutes, or one hundred percent vegetable or fruit juice; renumbers section.

The Department of Revenue shall collect and calculate the total generated by soft drink sales tax during the preceding year -- minus funds credited to the Highway Fund. 90% shall be transferred to the State Department of Education Obesity Prevention Fund, 10% shall be transferred to the Department of Health & Human Services Obesity Prevention Fund.

LB753 creates the State Department of Education Obesity Prevention Fund. The first \$100,000 shall be used to establish a statewide database to monitor student obesity and fitness. Remaining funds shall be distributed to school districts for the assessment of student health, weight and fitness and to provide other evidence-based programs to target obesity and improve fitness. 20% shall be distributed in equal amounts to schools, 80% shall be distributed proportionally based on school daily membership.

LB753 creates the Department of Health & Human Services Obesity Prevention Fund. The Department shall distribute funds to local public health departments to support programs to improve and promote good health habits, eating and physical activity for children in child care settings.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Bill Avery