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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB409

Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 19, 2013

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

Legislative Bill 409 amends the calculation of core services and technology infrastructure aid for educational service units (ESU's) and learning communities pursuant to section 79-1241.03.

Under current law, if the resources of an ESU or learning community exceeded the need, a negative amount of aid would be attributed to the ESU or learning community, which the formula would interpret as an additional contribution to the aid for other ESU's and learning communities. The student allocation would automatically increase to distribute that amount in addition to the available appropriation.

The proposal would provide that if the resources exceed the need for any ESU or learning community, the statewide student allocation would be reduced so that the amount to be distributed would not exceed the appropriation. The same method of decreasing the student allocation is currently in the statute to accommodate hold harmless provisions that distribute more aid to qualifying ESU's than the formula otherwise provides.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Kate Sullivan