

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB604

Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 12, 2013

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

Legislative Bill 604 would establish a new ongoing formula for the cost growth factor. Currently, the legislature sets the cost growth factor by reference to the basic allowable growth rate, which also sets the budget lid for many school districts. The proposed cost growth factor would be based on a combined five year rolling average of school expenditures, as reported on the Annual Finance Report and the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers in the Mid-West Area of the US. The goal of the legislation is to smooth funding for schools, avoiding the state aid yo-yo effect which creates uncertainty for school districts and places at risk programs for students.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Ken Haar