

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB392

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 10, 2015
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Crawford
One Liner: Change and eliminate learning community provisions relating to levy authority, distribution of core services funds, and state aid calculations

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Baker, Cook, Groene, Kolowski, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Schnoor, Sullivan
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Sue Crawford
Frank Harwood
Dennis Van Moorlegem
Gerald Torczon
Jeff Clauson
Larry Burks

Representing:

Introducer
Bellevue Public Schools
Homeowners of Omaha
Home Builders of Greater Omaha
Douglas County West Public Schools
City of Bellevue

Opponents:

Lou Ann Goding

Representing:

Omaha Public Schools

Neutral:

Ted Stilwill

Representing:

Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 392 would make several changes to learning community provisions as of July 1, 2016. The learning community common levies for member school district general funds and special building funds would be repealed. Core services and technology infrastructure funding from the state currently used by learning communities for evaluation and research would be replaced with new levy authority of \$0.02 of levy authority for those purposes. And, boundary changes for learning community districts would be allowed if 60% of the residents of affected districts sign a reorganization petition, 65% of the board members of affected districts approve the transfer or exchange of a parcel of 640 acres or less, or agricultural land is in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a city of the first class and a transfer is negotiated or ordered by the district court.

The act would become operative on July 1, 2016.

Kate Sullivan, Chairperson