

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB534

Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 03, 2015

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

This bill establishes legislative control over public school funding through TEEOSA.

Whereas from 1990 on, state aid to public education has been allocated by the calculation of a complicated formula which has been amended multiple times, this bill would place the control of state aid to education into the hands of the elected officials of the Legislature.

Spending will be limited by the total of the previous year's spending plus an allowed increase for the growth in student population. This calculated amount can be adjusted by the Legislature through the normal budget process. Automatic increases in funding merely fuels the bureaucracy; this new oversight will ensure that public school administrators efficiently manage the tax dollars entrusted to them.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike Groene