

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LR5CA

Chairperson: Senator Mike Groene

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing:

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

The intent of this legislation is to propose an amendment to the Nebraska Constitution that adds language to Article VII. The language further defines the words "*the legislature shall provide for the free instruction in the common schools.*" Since this language was first used in the 1875 Constitution, Nebraska Supreme Court precedent has evolved to the point where the use of property taxes to fund the "free instruction" has no limit. This proposed amendment limits the use of property taxes to fund K-12 public schools. If ratified, no more than 33% of the total funding for K-12 public schools may be derived from property taxes.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tom Brewer