

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -  
2008**

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**

**LB873**

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**Hearing Date:** February 11, 2008

**Committee On:** Education

**Introducer(s):** (Kopplin)

**Title:** Provide for a student growth adjustment and correction in the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Indefinitely Postponed

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**Vote Results:**

7 Yes	Senators Adams, Avery, Burling, Howard, Johnson, Kopplin, Raikes
0 No	
1 Absent	Senator Ashford
0 Present, not voting	

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**Proponents:**

Senator Gail Kopplin  
Terry L. Haack  
Steve Coleman  
Virgil Horne  
John A. Bonaiuto  
Jay Sears

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Bennington Public Schools  
Papillion-LaVista Schools  
Lincoln Public Schools  
Nebraska Association of School Boards  
Nebraska State Education Association

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Roger Breed

**Representing:**

Elkhorn Public Schools

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**Summary of purpose and/or change:**

Legislative Bill 873 would modify the state aid formula for schools by providing for a student growth adjustment beginning with the 2009-10 school fiscal year and a student growth correction beginning with 2011-12.

Districts could apply to the Department of Education for a student growth adjustment on or before October 15th of the school fiscal year preceding the year for which aid is being calculated. If the district projects formula students greater than 25 students above the formula students to be used in the calculation of aid, the application would be approved and the department would notify the district of the approval or denial on or before the following November 15th. The student growth adjustment would equal:

[state ave. general fund operating expenditures (GFOE) per formula student]  
x [projected students – formula students]

The department would calculate a student growth adjustment for districts that, in the most recently available complete data year, had less total formula students than the projected formula students used in the student growth adjustment. The correction would equal:

[state ave. GFOE per formula student used in the final calculation of aid]  
x [projected students used in adjustment – formula students for the aid year]

Section 79-1003 would be amended by recognizing the formula students used in the final calculation of aid would also be used in the new provisions for student growth.

Section 79-1007.02 would be amended by including the student growth adjustment and student growth correction in the calculation of formula needs beginning with the 2009-10 school fiscal year.

Section 79-1001 would be amended by including the new provisions in the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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Senator Ron Raikes, Chairperson