

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB529

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 10, 2015
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Sullivan
One Liner: Change provisions relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act

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 Kate Sullivan
Terry Haack
Kevin Riley

John Lindsay

Representing:

Introducer
Bennington Public Schools
Gretna Public Schools and Learning Community Superintendents
Omaha Public Schools

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Ted Stilwill

Representing:

Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 529 would modify the calculation of state aid pursuant to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act (TEEOSA) and the distribution of the general fund common levy for learning community school districts beginning with aid calculated for 2016-17. In addition, the formula need hold harmless for districts in new learning communities would be eliminated. Currently the formula need is calculated separately for each member district, but the districts are combined for the calculation of resources. The modifications would cause the resources to also be calculated separately, but the combined aid for the learning community districts would continue to be distributed based on the proportionate share of formula need. General fund common levy proceeds are also distributed based on the proportionate share of formula need, except that aid and other formula resources are subtracted out first. The modifications would assure that every district receives a minimum amount from the common levy distribution based on the amount raised from the district's valuation.

Kate Sullivan, Chairperson