

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB280

Chairperson: Senator Mike Gloor

Committee: Revenue

Date of Hearing: February 18, 2015

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

LB 280 reduces the amount of property tax that school districts can levy, but offsets this funding decrease with a higher absolute amount of state aid and a new local surtax that is directly tied to the school district's reduction in property taxes.

LB280 would:

Reduce the agricultural land valuation aspect of the resources side of TEEOSA, so that only 65% of agricultural land valuation can be considered, as opposed to 75% of agricultural land valuation (only for purposes of the TEEOSA formula)

Gradually drop the cap on schools' property tax levies from \$1.05 per \$100 of valuation to 80.5 cents, or from 95 cents to 70.5 cents in the Omaha-area Learning Community, requiring school districts to lower property taxes

Add a uniform local school-funding surtax of 19.4% of a family's current income tax liability in every school district across the state, and would give school districts the discretion to raise their local surtax above 19.4% (up to 29.9%), if approved either by a majority vote of the voters or by a supermajority vote of the school board

Create a foundation aid component that will allocate \$500 per-pupil for every school district

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Al Davis