

# **One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB402**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing:**

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

The bill amends section 79-1334. It is intended to continue a program of distance education which otherwise sunsets after 2015. The distance education program is used to provide an equal opportunity for all students to access quality courses through two-way interactive video distance education. The bill amends the statute to authorize the Department of Education to appropriate funding only for school districts and educational service units which send/provide distance education courses to other districts.

The bill eliminates distance education incentives for receiving districts. The districts and educational service units providing these courses will receive distance education "units" for each such course they provide, valued by dividing the total number of distance education units earned into the amount allotted under the program. The maximum amount for each unit remains capped at \$1,000 and providing districts and educational service units continue to apply to the Department of Education to receive their unit payments.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Roy Baker**