

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB524

Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 09, 2015

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

Legislative Bill 524 addresses issues related to the new federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) that allows qualifying schools to provide free breakfasts and lunches to all students without collecting applications from families. The measure would allow parents and guardians of students in those schools to voluntarily provide information to determine qualification for other provisions of state law that are contingent on qualifying for free or reduced-price meals. Where school data is required that is based on qualifying students, the identified student percentage calculated pursuant to the federal provision is applied. Where the poverty status of the school is determined based on poverty related data, CEP schools would be considered high-poverty schools. In addition, the alternative calculation would be refined for measuring poverty based on income tax returns for the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Kate Sullivan