

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

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB616**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: February 17, 2015**

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

LB 616 would allow for the State Board of Education to issue charters and create schools independent of the school district in which they are located. Creation of these Independent Schools will be limited to the boundaries of Class V school districts. Independent schools will function as non-profit entities under state law, and shall meet all education requirements established by the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education is tasked with the issuance of charters or licenses for independent schools, the regulation of their standards, as well as the disciplinary or removal procedures for independent schools failing to meet those standards.

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

**Senator Tyson Larson**