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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1009

Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 24, 2014

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

LB 1009 creates a pilot program to establish problem-based learning as a strategy to provide additional educational opportunities to rural schools.

Problem-based learning is defined as teachers and students working together to identify problems in their community that they work together to solve.

The pilot project is voluntary and limited to four school districts that have less than nine-hundred students. The Department of Education works to establish an assessment of the program and will provide technology and high-speed internet access used for researching the problem, books and materials necessary for the program, professional development on problem-based learning for teachers, and research equipment such as digital cameras, gps or other similar devices to be used with the program.

The project sunsets after five years unless renewed by the legislature.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Ken Haar