

One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB729

Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 03, 2014

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

To create the task force on expanded learning opportunities for school-aged youth. This task force will review existing state and local programs and policies on expanded learning opportunities and make recommendations to the Legislature and State Department of Education on model approaches, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Methods of improving program quality and impact from 5 national and local program evaluations and best practices;
- (b) Available public and private funding sources for expanded learning opportunities;
- (c) The alignment of efforts between the State Department of Education, the nonprofit sector, and the private sector on expanded learning opportunities;
- (d) Opportunities for coordination and collaboration, including data-sharing, between school districts and community-based expanded learning opportunity programs;
- (e) Methods of improving quality and retention in the expanded learning opportunity workforce, including enhancing 16 opportunities for professional development and technical assistance;
- (f) Methods to increase access for all children and 18 families to high-quality expanded learning opportunities; and
- (g) Public and private support to build a sustainable 20 infrastructure for expanded learning opportunities.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Rick Kolowski