

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB589

Hearing Date: Monday March 02, 2015
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Pansing Brooks
One Liner: Provide for allocation of the Nebraska Education Improvement Fund as prescribed

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

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| Aye: | 7 | Senators Baker, Cook, Groene, Kolowski, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Sullivan |
| Nay: | 1 | Senator Schnoor |
| Absent: | | |
| Present Not Voting: | | |

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks
Jason Hayes
Shari Anderson

Kyle Schwaninger
Bailey Feit

Brett Noser

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska State Education Association
Nebraska State Education Association and Lincoln Education Association
Nebraska State Education Association
Nebraska State Education Association, Lincoln Education Association
Nebraska State Education Association, Lincoln Education Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 589 would amend section 9-812 by allocating the lottery funds dedicated to education for fiscal years 2016-17 and 2017-18. Beginning with 2016-17, current law provides for the funds to be allocated from a new Nebraska Education Improvement Fund and for the current uses to terminate. The fund, after administrative expenses, would be allocated pursuant to the proposal as follows:

- a. To the Excellence in Teaching Cash Fund for forgivable loans to cover educational costs for teachers and teacher education students, the first \$2,000,000 for 2016-17 and the first \$3,000,000 for 2017-18;
 - b. To early childhood education grants awarded by the Department of Education, the next \$1,950,000 for 2016-17 and 2017-18;
 - c. To the Early Childhood Education Endowment Cash Fund, the next \$1,000,000 for 2016-17 and 2017-18; and
 - d. To the School District Reorganization Fund, the next \$1,000,000 for 2016-17 and 2017-18.
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Kate Sullivan, Chairperson