

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB545

Chairperson: Senator John Stinner

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: March 03, 2017

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

LB 545 would increase the transfer from the General Fund to the Property Tax Credit Cash Fund by \$200 million per year in each of the next three years. The property tax relief offered through this fund appears as a credit on taxpayers' property tax statements.

Under the bill, the current transfer of \$224 million would increase to \$424 million for tax year 2018, \$624 million for tax year 2019, and \$824 million for tax year 2020. LB 545 states that it is the intent of the Legislature that the fund be funded at a minimum of \$824 million in following years.

Property taxes account for approximately 48% of the total combined revenue from the property tax, income tax, and sales tax. LB 545 is projected to lower the share of the tax burden from property taxes to approximately 40%.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Dan Watermeier