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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1081

Chairperson: Senator Dave Murman

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: January 30, 2024

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

Legislative Bill 1081 would institute student-teacher ratios for school districts with regard to providing services to students with special education needs. Specifically, LB 1081 would mandate a maximum number of students, in relation to the number of teachers and para-professionals for general education classes educating students with special education needs, for special education classes that only serve students with special education needs, and for co-taught classes (classes taught by a general education teacher and a special education teacher who is providing special education instruction and accommodations to students with individualized education programs).

LB 1081 provides that the Commissioner of Education shall ensure that school districts will comply with the ratio standards. Finally, LB 1081 also authorizes the State Board of Education to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the law.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Danielle Conrad