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February 12, 2003 LB 53, 371

All in favor of advancement please vote aye, and opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 371.

SPEAKER BROMM: The bill does advance. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 53, introduced by Senator Smith. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9, referred to the Education Committee, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Smith to open on LB 53.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I'm here to introduce LB 53 today. It relates to the core service funding for educational service units across the state. There are educational service units that provide supplemental services to area school districts, ESUs being a political subdivision themselves. Nonetheless, they get a base amount of core service funding, and then they get an additional amount based on the enrollment within their district, or the membership of their district, or of their service unit. Yesterday I passed out a handout stating the numbers associated with this. Nonetheless, LB 53 seeks to allow two units to consolidate and for two years continue to receive the minimum disbursement due to them prior to the consolidation effort. There are no...currently there are no talks underway of specific units consolidating. But this, I believe, would give an incentive to do so, or at least remove the disincentive that currently does exist within state policy relating to consolidation of ESUs. If you have any questions, I'd be happy to take those. But I would close on this introduction and allow the committee amendments to be introduced. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Smith. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Education Committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0110, Legislative Journal page 344.)