



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 850**

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**Chairperson:** Ron Raikes  
**Committee:** Education  
**Date of Hearing:** January 22, 2008

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

LB 850 amends section 70-502 to limit the coverage provided to school board or board of education members to the individual members, to limit payment of premiums by the school district to the amount they pay for district employees, and to provide disclosure of the amount of premium paid on the members behalf to the public upon request.

Under the initial legislation to permit school districts to provide insurance to school board members, LB 1177 (1972), the Statement of Purpose provided that such authority should be "subject to the same conditions that the governing board should provide to the employees." Similar language was restated in the Committee Statement on that bill. At that time the districts only paid a percentage of the premium for the individual and employees were required to pay the full cost of coverage for family members.

LB 850 places that intent in statute by limiting payment of the district to the individual member in the same proportion of the insurance premium for board members as is established through the collective-bargaining process for permanent employees of the school district. Additionally the bill promotes full disclosure of these costs to the public by making a quarterly report available for review in the district office.

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