

Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB444

Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 2, 2015

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

The present TEEOSA formula that governs state aid to public education penalizes school boards in two distinct ways if they set their local effort property tax levy below .95:

- (1) Equalized school districts lose a portion of their equalization aid.
- (2) Non-equalized school districts lose their allocated income tax.

LB 444 will eliminate those penalties and allow local school boards to exert true local control in setting their local property tax levy at or below the minimum without loss of TEEOSA aid.

This bill does not change the maximum property tax levy rate allowable of 1.05.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike Groene