ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB1052

Hearing Date: Monday January 22, 2024

Committee On: Education Introducer: Walz

One Liner: Allow a teacher employed at an approved or accredited public, private, denominational, or

parochial school to receive reimbursement for school supplies

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 5 Senators Conrad, Linehan, Sanders, Walz, Wayne

Nay: 2 Senators Albrecht, Meyer

Absent:

Present Not Voting: 1 Senator Murman

Testimony:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Lynne Walz

Opening Presenter

Nebraska State Education Association

Kevin Reiman Kade Reiman Foundation Edison McDonald The ARC of Nebraska

Opponents: Representing:

Heidi Gilliland Self

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Bill Summary:

Beginning with the 2024-25 school year, teachers of grades K-12 in Nebraska who are employed at approved or accredited schools can apply to the State Department of Education for reimbursement of up to three hundred dollars for school supplies.

The State Board of Education is tasked with creating a policy, accessible on the Department of Education's website, specifying the eligible types of supplies for reimbursement.

Explanation of amendments:

Amendment Summary:

Amendment 2616 presents three changes to LB 1052:

1. Caps the appropriation at five million dollars.



^{*} ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

2. Changes the reimbursable amount from three hundred dollars to two hundred dollars.3. Ensures that any unused monies rolls over to be used the following year.	
	Dave Murman, Chairperson