

# One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB518

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**Chairperson: Senator Dave Murman**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: March 14, 2023**

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

The intent of LB 518 is to create the Reducing Risk Factors and Property Tax Relief Fund which would do the following:

- Create a fund that would provide schools with more funding to help children experiencing risk factors

- Creates definitions around risk factors such as:

- Is not working on academic grade level.
- Is not meeting the requirements necessary for promotion to the next grade; is failing subjects or courses of study.
- Is not meeting the requirements necessary for graduation from high school (e.g., potential dropout)
- Has insufficient mastery of skills or is not meeting state standards.
- Has been retained.
- Has a high rate of absenteeism.
- Has repeated suspensions or expulsions from school.
- Is homeless and/or migrant.
- Is identified as an English Language Learner
- Has social emotional needs that cause a student to be unsuccessful in school.
- Is identified as a student with dyslexia or characteristics of dyslexia.

- Funding for the Reducing Risk Factors is directed schools by calculating the number of children

on free or reduce lunch or that live in a sparse district

- Provides ways that the Reducing Risk Factors funds can be used.

LB 518 would create a fund that would be available to all districts and help to lower property taxes.

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