

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LR422**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday April 01, 2026  
**Committee On:** Education  
**Introducer:** Rountree  
**One Liner:** Urge Congress and the President of the United States to enact legislation to fully fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Report to the Legislature for further consideration

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Murman, Conrad, Hughes, Hunt, Juarez, Lonowski, Meyer, G., Sanders  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Victor Rountree  
Tim Royers  
Edward T Ventura Jr.  
Colby Coash  
Spike Eickholt  
Tanya Encalada Cruz\*  
Mary Angus\*  
Shannon Coryell\*

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Nebraska State Education Association  
Nebraska State Education Association  
Nebraska Association of School Boards  
Education Rights Counsel  
Self  
Self  
Self

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LR 422 urges Congress and the President of the United States to fully fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA") at the authorized level of 40% of the average per-pupil expenditure. The resolution states that, although Congress has consistently authorized funding at 40%, the federal government has never met this commitment. As a result, states and local school districts, including those in Nebraska, have been required to cover the majority of special education costs. The resolution further states that the failure to fully fund IDEA shifts the financial burden to states and school districts, which results in reductions to other educational programs or increased reliance on state and local taxes.



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Dave Murman, Chairperson

