

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB551

Chairperson: Senator Dave Murman

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: March 17, 2025

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

LB 551 removes the ability to grant tenure from State Universities, Colleges, and Community Colleges going forward. The bill instead asks each system to create and replace tenure with the following.

1. Employee agreements. Acceptable grounds for termination of faculty shall include, but not be limited to, just cause, program discontinuance, and financial exigency.
2. Annual performance evaluations of all faculty.
3. Minimum standards of good practice for faculty members; Standards for review and discipline of faculty members; and Procedures for dismissal for cause, program discontinuance, and financial exigency.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Loren Lippincott