

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB653

Chairperson: Senator Dave Murman

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 11, 2025

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

LB 653 seeks to strengthen access to option enrollment for students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) by:

- Funding upfront the cost of IEP option students who require substantially more funding than the average per-pupil cost
- Requires the percentage of IEP students denied option enrollment to be proportional to the total percent of option enrollment denials
- Requires a district to not deny option enrollment to a student if their sibling is already an option student within that district
- Improves reporting requirements on the Department of Education's Option Enrollment Rejection Report

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Dave Murman