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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB834

Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 24, 2014

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

LB834 amends section 79-10.138, regarding school breakfast program qualifications, to provide incentive grants for school districts that sign memorandums of understanding. School districts shall implement alternative breakfast models and collect data with respect to school breakfast student participation rates. Schools that have already implemented an alternative breakfast model are not eligible for this grant.

One-time incentive grants shall be distributed as follows, with priority given to schools in which 1/2 students receive free or reduced lunch:

0-199 students: \$2,000

200-499 students: \$3,000

500+ students: \$5,000

The Student Wellness Fund is created. The Fund shall consist of any monies appropriated to it by the Legislature and any private funds. The Department of Education may contract with an outside entity to administer the Fund. Not more than 10% of total funds may be used for administrative purposes. The Fund shall sunset on May 1, 2017, or when funds are depleted, whichever occurs first.

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