ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018 COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED) LB1070

Hearing Date: Monday February 05, 2018

Committee On: Education **Introducer:** Brewer

One Liner: Change an election requirement for school districts with fewer than twenty-five students in high

school grades

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Ebke, Erdman, Groene, Kolowski, Linehan, Morfeld, Pansing

Brooks, Walz

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Tom Brewer Introducer

Brian Halstead Nebraska Department of Education

Sarah Sortum Loup County Public Schools Board of Education

Wayne Ruppert Loup County Public Schools

Jay Sears Nebraska State Education Association

Jon Habben Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Wayne Ruppert Sargent Public Schools

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1070 would amend section 79-499, to extend the time period between votes required for school districts whose citizens have elected, to continue the operation of the only high school in the district that has less than twenty-five students, using "fall" or 'average daily" membership in grades nine through twelve from "an annual vote" to "a district wide vote within every four years." LB 1070 also amends section 79-499 to provide that schools shall be subject to the provisions of this section requiring a vote to keep their high school open, until the district has at least thirty-five students or less than fifteen students in grades nine through twelve or dissolves.

Mike Groene, Chairperson