

Subject Increasing Basic Community Education Revenue

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Overview

Community education programs are operated by school districts, intended to maximize the community's use of public schools, and designed to expand the involvement of community members who have skills and knowledge to share. Districts operating a community education program must provide for a citizens' advisory council to advise the school administration on how best to use school facilities and community resources.

Community education programs are funded primarily through a local levy. While the program has an equalization component, the tax rate is set so that nearly all of the revenue comes to school districts through the property tax levy. The basic community education revenue allowance is \$5.42 per capita (not per student).

H.F. 683 proposes to increase the allowance from \$5.42 to \$7.00 per capita for fiscal year 2024 and later at a revenue cost of about \$9 million per year. The bill limits the levy impact by lowering the program's tax rate so that the increase in revenue is primarily paid through state aid.

Summary

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| 1 | General community education revenue.
Increases the basic community education revenue allowance from \$5.42 per capita to \$7.00 per capita beginning in fiscal year 2024. |
| 2 | Total community education levy.
Lowers the total community education levy tax rate from 0.94 percent to 0.498 percent of each district's adjusted net tax capacity. |

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3	Appropriations. Appropriates an unspecified amount of aid in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 for the community education revenue program.



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