

Senator Donald Schaible
Senate District 31
Testimony for SB 2158

January 13, 2025

Chairman Weber and committee,

SB2158 is a bill to complete the work that was started last session. In the 68th legislative session, HB 1337 was introduced to allow money to be transferred to a community from the dissolved school district for the purpose of a community center and for operating cost of a city. This was with the full consent of the elected school board of that school district. Normally money that remains after a dissolution will be transferred back to the landowners of that school district. HB 1337 adjusted that to allow money to be used in way that was agreed upon by the school district as to their dissolution plan. We thought that this was a done deal but later found out that there was a separate section in century code that was not addressed with last session's legislation. When the Edmore Public School District submitted their dissolution plan, this issue was brought to the attention of Attorney Generals office. With several meetings with the Edmore Public School board, their attorneys, Superintendent Schill and myself it was concluded that their dissolution plan should not be approved, that a bill would be needed to correct the legislative issue and that they could then reapply for their dissolution plan and the city could receive up to \$500,000 as to the conditions of the dissolution plan. We believe SB 2158 completes all the hurdles to get this plan approved. Since the fiscal year of a school year ends on 30th , though it best to add an emergency clause to get this pass and allow the dissolution to take place in this school year.

Chairman Weber, that concludes my testimony and I would be happy to answer any question you may have.
Senator Don Schaible