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Rep. Rob Brooks, Chair

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Rep. Brooks,

I appreciate the dialogue we have had in the Shared School Services Study Committee on how to increase rural school district resources. The committee has created policy that is straightforward and will help support school districts that are considering consolidation, without forcing their hand. At this point in time, I support several proposals as they are currently drafted. These proposals are LRB-0558 regarding school board member size, LRB-0559 regarding report cards for consolidated school districts, LRB-0560 regarding funding for feasibility studies, and LRB-0590 regarding referendums for school districts who consolidate.

I am getting more feedback on the rest of the bills up for consideration. While I like the idea of helping schools pay for grant-writing costs, which many small schools struggle with, the proposal still needs more work. The rest of the bills need further consideration and input for which the current timeline does not allow.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Considine". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Rep. Dave Considine