

Chairman Mortimer
members of the Senate Education
Committee thank you for the
opportunity to speak today.

I am ~~am~~ Mandy Simpson and
I am a trustee ~~am~~ for the Nampa
School District.

SB1196 is not ~~where~~ ^{where} it ~~should~~
be. The charges given to the
interim committee ~~were~~ ^{were} to create
an enrollment-based funding
formula with weights for
special student populations.

Using the current numbers and
the current formula we are not
seeing equity within the Local Education
Agencies serving students in Nampa.

I am sharing with you a table with
the 8 LEA's that serve Nampa students.

You will notice that

- LEA's w/ higher free & reduced lunches are funded @
a lower per pupil rates.

- LEA's that serve a higher percentage of special education students are funded @ ~~lower~~ lower per pupil rates.
- Schools that serve English Language Learners are funded @ lower per pupil rates.

Nampa's analysis shows that the weight that is upsetting the equity is the small school factor. We support the small LEA factor for our small rural districts.

These ^{small} LEA's that serve Nampa students are not rural. Senator Den Hartog spoke to the reason for the small school weight is to help rural schools. She also provided a picture of 3 students and 2 students needing more based on their height. If I were to use a picture to reflect what the current small school weight is doing, you have the taller student on the largest step stool.

I encourage you to
postpone moving SB 1196 forward.
As is, it is not meeting
the overarching goal to
create equity to the
students of Idaho
based on student needs.

Thank you for your
time today.

