

MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Hamner

FROM: Craig Harper, JBC Staff (303-866-3481)

SUBJECT: Agate School District Funding

DATE: March 28, 2016

Background Information

H.B. 16-1422 (School Finance) adjusts the minimum funded pupil count provisions in current law. Under current law (Section 22-54-103 (7)(e)(VI), C.R.S.), any school district with less than 50.0 pupils is funded as though it had a 50.0 funded pupils. Beginning in FY 2016-17, H.B. 16-1422 changes that provision to provide a graduated minimum pupil count. Under the bill:

- Any district with at least 35 but fewer than 50 pupils is funded as though it has 50 pupils;
- Any district with between 20 and 35 pupils is funded as though it has 40 pupils; and
- Any district with less than 20 pupils is funded as though it has 25 pupils.

Agate School District

Agate School District, located in Eastern Elbert County, is the smallest school district in the State by pupil count (see the table below for data from FY 2013-14 through FY 2016-17).

- In the current year, the district has 15.0 student FTE (representing 16 students because two of the students are in kindergarten).
- The school district is actually serving 2.0 student FTE (three students, including two kindergarteners and one third grader) and is contracting with other school districts to serve the other 13.0 student FTE.
- Current enrollment forecasts anticipate 15.5 FTE for Agate in FY 2016-17. The five year average would be 22 pupils, and H.B. 16-1422 would fund Agate with 40.0 funded pupils.

Agate School District Pupil Counts and Funding						
	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17		
				Current Law	H.B. 16-1422	
<u>Pupil Count Data</u>						
Actual Pupil Count (FTE)	31.5	11.5	15.0	15.5	15.5	
Minus Students Served through Contracts with Other Districts	(20.5)	(9.5)	(13.0)	(12.5)	(12.5)	
Student FTE Actually Served in Agate	11.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	
Five Year Average	35.5	29.1	25.7	21.9	21.9	
Funded Pupil Count	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	40.0	
<u>Total Program Funding Data</u>						
Per Pupil Funding After Negative Factor	\$14,083	\$14,689	\$15,460	\$15,702	\$16,040	
Total Program Funding (After NF)	\$704,148	\$734,426	\$773,004	\$785,084	\$641,600	
Annual change in Per Pupil Funding	(\$103)	\$606	\$772	\$242	\$580	
Annual Change in Total Program Funding	\$131,044	\$30,279	\$38,578	\$12,079	(\$131,404)	