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## Education Committee

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### SB 6134

**Brief Description:** Modifying definitions for alternative learning experience courses.

**Sponsors:** Senators Wellman, Zeiger and Hasegawa; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

<p><b>Brief Summary of Bill</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Modifies the definitions of "remote course" and "site-based course" in provisions governing alternative learning experience programs.</li></ul>
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**Hearing Date:** 2/19/18

**Staff:** Ethan Moreno (786-7386).

**Background:**

Alternative Learning Experience (ALE) programs provide a way for students to be enrolled in public education without being obligated to meet the in-class seat-time requirements for regular instruction. Instruction in ALE programs may be delivered via online courses, remote courses, or site-based courses. Courses offered through ALE programs may be provided to students residing inside or outside of the district offering the course, and may be provided to full or part-time students. Each student participating in an ALE program must have a written student learning plan that is designed to meet the student's individual educational needs and is developed and approved by a certificated teacher.

An ALE course is defined as a course, or coursework for grades kindergarten through eight, that is a delivery method for the state's program of basic education, and that is:

- provided in whole or in part independently from a regular classroom setting or schedule, but may include some components of direct instruction;
- supervised, monitored, assessed, evaluated, and documented by a certificated teacher employed by the school district or under contract as permitted by applicable rules; and

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- provided in accordance with a written student learning plan that is implemented pursuant to the school district's policy and rules adopted by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

As specified in statutes governing ALE courses, a "remote course" is defined as an ALE course that is not an online course where the student has in-person instructional contact time for less than 20 percent of the total weekly time for the course. No minimum in-person instructional contact time is required for remote courses. A "site-based course" is an ALE course where the student has in-person instructional contact time for at least 20 twenty percent of the total weekly time for the course.

**Summary of Bill:**

The ALE definitions of "remote course" and "site-based course" are modified by, in part, removing references to the percentage of in-person instructional contact time. "Remote course" is defined as an ALE course that is not an online course where the written student learning plan for the course does not include a requirement for in-person instructional contact time. No minimum in-person instructional contact time is required for remote courses. "Site-based course" is defined as an ALE course where the written student learning plan for the course includes a requirement for in-person instructional contact time.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.