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Rep. Steineke Testimony on Common Core Standards

Reform Ideas:

- Create a statutorily reviewed revision process for the standards.
 - Reviews should be no more than every 5 years. Reviews should be done by a committee or council comprised of legislators from each party, UW professors, private college professors, k-12 educators and representatives from the public (parents).
 - Initial review should commence no later than 9/1/14 with a report back to the Legislature and DPI with recommendations by 6/1/15.
 - Before the report is finalized, require a minimum of 4 public hearings throughout the state.
- Pass legislation protecting student level data to ensure it cannot be shared with entities outside of local district/DPI.
- Ensure that curriculum decisions remain solely with the local school district.
- Research practical and fiscal implications of eliminating the mandated standardized test and replacing it with a growth model test taken a minimum of twice a year once at the start of the school year and once towards the end (up through grade 8). For grades 9 – 12, require use of the ACT suite.