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would require...LB 363 would require school...school...member school districts of educational service units to respond within 30 calendar days to a written proposal submitted by the ESUs on how core service funds and property tax funds are to be spent. Failure to respond would indicate approval of proposal. Through legislation that was passed in 1997, the state committed funds, General Funds, of 9.7 million to ESUs to pay for core service, as defined by the State Board of Education, in the following areas of staff development, technology, and instructional media service. Also, as part of that legislation, ESUs were required to receive approval for the use of core service funds and property tax funds from two-thirds of the member school districts representing a majority of students. However, it became apparent that member school districts weren't responding in a timely manner as was the requirement. LB 363 would take care of this problem by setting a 30-day time limit for a member school district to indicate their approval or disapproval of the use of the fund. Failure to do would indicate the approval. Some of the service unit, educational service, have 80 or so school districts and this is simply to solve a problem, so I'd ask for the advancement of this bill, or answer any question.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the opening of the bill. Debate on the advancement of LB 363? Seeing no further lights, Senator Hartnett, you are recognized to close on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I'll waive.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: He waives closing. Question before the body is the advancement of LB 363 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 363.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 363 advances. Items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a hearing notice from the Health and Human Services Committee. I have a confirmation hearing report from Health and Human Services. I have the report of