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some school boards that have the money and are unable to spend it appropriately, at least what they think is appropriate. So it still...it means it makes it a local issue. Now it does get into the school aid formula, terms of needs in a couple years, and once again I'll let Senator Raikes explain that. He may not be too enthused about that. There is a cost to this, to the state, ultimately down the road. I would only be guessing when I would say, based on the analysis of LB 305 where it went from 20 to 25 million, that this should be half of that amount, approximately, so let's call it 12 to 15 million dollars that may end up in the state aid formula. But if this body wants to do something for teachers, and I hear a lot of people saying they want to but we can't agree on what, I even hear the Governor's Office say that there's some sympathy toward education issues and teachers' issues, but we don't have a concrete proposal that I think is at least modest or moderate or at least approaches the subject to some degree based on what locals would like to have it. So I offer this as...I guess it's a compromise. It's probably not a consensus at this point and I would be fairly sure that it's going to take 30 votes for it ultimately to be successful. But I think it ought to be looked at very carefully if we take our responsibilities of education in Nebraska seriously by the state of Nebraska. And, as I've said earlier, I think we do have a teacher salary problem in some areas, maybe more focused in some than others. We've had focused attempts, particularly by Senator Maxwell, which I applaud his efforts to do something about it by focusing it, but I will agree that those focuses can change from year to year. And what better able to have a response than a local school board to do that? And so this is a proposal that I've got. I hope it's all inclusive. I...it was an idea that I just got last week and maybe it's not polished up, but I think it would be an effort...a way to focus in on where we're headed or where I think we should head. And we can see if it works and if it needs tuning another year perhaps that would be necessary. In the handout that you're getting, which you should have now, it says LB 305. Senator...it says amendment for Senator Wehrbein. It should have said...oh, it will say AM2080. It gives some examples. Obviously, I'm interested in my own district, which is on there, but also Omaha and Lincoln are on there too. It helps different districts differently across the state. As I