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amendment. I've read it here but I think...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay.

SENATOR JONES: ...it would be better for the group if you'd explain it.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yeah. Okay. What we have in here is a calculation of the amount that state aid is being reduced by the provisions of LB 898, and that amount of reduction against the...what I would characterize as the true certification is eligible for treatment as an exclusion to the levy limit by school districts. So you've got to have a calculation of that amount. The persons who are best able to do that calculation are the Department of Education, so this asks the Department of Education to do that, and then...then to notify the district of that amount.

SENATOR JONES: Okay. This is more dealing with the exclusion...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Right.

SENATOR JONES: ...than actually the \$22.5 million;...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's...

SENATOR JONES: ...that we're actually on LB 898.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR JONES: And LB 898 will go forward as a separate bill yet?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct. This does not incorporate LB 898. This takes into account some of the impacts of LB 898.

SENATOR JONES: Yes. I think...I think that's important for people to realize because I had a lot of questions over the weekend on the exclusion part of it and how it works. And what that is, it makes them revenue neutral if they are up to the