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SENATOR RAIKES: ...ceiling. And the...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...I think that's...

SENATOR RAIKES: ...answer is, no, they would not. It would be reduced.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So how then, if that's the case, then if in a particular district that reduction resulted in an inability to meet the contract obligation for the number of teachers that were in...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...existence at the time of the negotiation, how can we justify, in a sense, interfering in that process with the result of rifted (sic--rified) teachers? And then my following question would be, which you won't have time to answer in my last minute, would be, is there any adjustment to the formula that could happen to accommodate that situation? Or should it...should it or should it not happen?

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator, what I can tell you is that there is, of course, the safety valve provided in the local override. If, for example, your school system, your board, had decided to pay teachers well, and wanted to continue that, and did not want to reduce expenditures anywhere else, one...or the option, probably, that they would have available would be to go to the voters and ask for additional levy and/or spending authority, or...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...both. Did you say time?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time is up, Senator Raikes. Sorry, Senator Beutler. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'll be brief. LB 540 goes against everything I wanted to do