

attack it even further with such actions as this I think is unconscionable. It is true that we do not levy your property tax, but I'm telling you that we are still responsible for those property taxes. If they increase as a result of our inactions then in a way we have levied property taxes, indirectly. I think that that is very wrong. I think we should be concerned about the total cost of government, but shifting the cost certainly is not going to help. I support Senator Wiitala.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle on the Wiitala amendment.

SENATOR KAHLE: Thank you Mr. President and members. I'm having a little trouble keeping up where you are at but I assume you are talking about the language on page 16 of the green bill that was stricken. Is this correct Senator Wiitala or Senator Warner? Senator Wiitala could you tell me how many people are involved in this process of the advisory committee or about? Is it a large group?

SENATOR WIITALA: Senator Kahle, if I remember correctly from my committee testimony there was something around twelve members that served on that one particular advisory board that this bill addresses. Senator Warner said we are only talking about the fiscal impact of a little over \$2,000 a year.

SENATOR KAHLE: Do you think that is what it will be though? This was just started in the recent what, last year? Or has it been two years? Just one year, right?

SENATOR WIITALA: I don't know how long it has been in existence.

SENATOR KAHLE: I guess one other thing in the language that bothers me and I know that we probably are not talking about that now but it says each school district that has an employee who serves as a member on such a committee and which is required to hire a person to replace such member, what if you don't have to hire a person but somebody else fills in.

SENATOR WIITALA: Then you probably wouldn't get any reimbursement. Just in those cases where the district encounters an expense.

SENATOR KAHLE: But if some districts, they would cover it with somebody else and other districts they might hire somebody.

SENATOR WIITALA: Then they probably wouldn't get any reimbursement.