

those who do not and some of that is on the property tax side and some of it would be in the Highway Trust Fund because a portion of the registration fees go there that eventually is distributed to the cities and counties in the state.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hartnett, did you have a question?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Maybe I should ask...Senator Warner, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, why is the special ed, I guess I see that go up and I think in your opening remarks, and I wrote some remarks, and I don't know whether that is your area, and then I left the floor for awhile, why special ed? I see it is going up pretty...is there more students, is that the problem, or I think you talked about in your early...your first remarks that special ed is going up.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Hartnett, as you recall, special ed is a reimbursement mechanism.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah, I understand, I know that.

SENATOR WARNER: And when we had some additional funds ability, I guess it was last year, we did caught ups so we are not two years behind as we were once upon a time and doing a deficit all the time, but the major increase is...reflects local salary policies. It think it is, as I recall, 80, it may be more than that, 80 some percent, at least, of special ed is for staff, faculty, and, obviously, they have, by necessity, a fairly low student-teacher ratio, and so the bulk of the increase, I believe, reflects salary adjustments across the state, and then the state, of course, pay, what, 90 percent of that reimbursable cost and the local district doing 10.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Another question, Senator Warner, on the roads budget, I noticed in the figures here, a few years ago we got discretionary money from the federal government. You are not in your budget, you are not putting in anticipating any discretionary money as I look at the figures, would that be correct? Would my assumption be correct?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, yes and no. The federal funds that the Department of Roads, as well as almost most other agencies, are in estimates. Whatever is acquired, then, can be spent by the agency. In the case of discretionary funds at the federal level