

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, can I have one other question, Ron?

SENATOR WITHEM: You bet.

SENATOR MOORE: Back to the subject of the amendment, there have been a variety of concerns that the cost of administering the NAEP test would far exceed what is, at least, in the most recent fiscal note, \$220,000, I mean, if the department would mandate this test over another test, is there a possibility that this data collection center would create some costs on the local level?

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: It's possible, I would assume, that if either we, as a Legislature, or the department were, through rule and reg, to create a requirement on the local districts and not provide the funding, that, yeah, that could. I don't necessarily envision that happening. But you're asking, could it happen? Yes, it could happen.

SENATOR MOORE: You don't envision that it would cost the local school board anything, the limitation in this bill? Is that what you said?

SENATOR WITHEM: The time that it takes to...the bill talks about data collection. One of the requirements of the bill is that the Advisory Committee and the department will use every effort to consolidate information that's now coming in. There is information that now flows in. It's not particularly useful. The intent of the bill is that they will do their best to consolidate some of those efforts so it will not include additional burdens on local school districts.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time. Senator Haberman, your light is still on. Do you care to speak any more? Thank you. Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. Speaker and members, I would allow Senator Withem to continue his answer first and then I have a few comments to make.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, thank you. Just, basically, Senator