

above the lid would be exempt from the lid. In the case of Lincoln there is a 4 percent lid. The chart here shows that they would have a 6 percent increase that they would need to be funding and so 2 percent of that would be exempt from the lid requirement. Again, it softens up the lid, but I think it's only fair to do that because they didn't understand at the time they negotiated that contract that there would, in fact, be a budget limitation. I don't think many others, just scanning down the list here, it's not going to have a major impact in many other school districts in the state. Seward perhaps will, Columbus, some of the other pieces may, in fact, have...be impacted by this, but Lincoln, Norfolk, North Platte, other places are the ones that are going to be the major beneficiaries of this and I think it's the fair thing to do. I'm going to support it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, unlike Senator Withem, I rise to oppose Senator Ashford's amendment. Senator Ashford's own admission is not, certainly is not bringing any support to the bill. He has a particular problem, I understand that. I happen to have some school districts in my area with the same problem. But if you do this you, you have an ongoing situation with comparability of peer groups. They are thrown out of whack. You once again just further erode that lid that we've talked about that some people will argue is too loose and it just...it's a special amendment, I believe once again, it's another amendment Lincoln Public Schools needs as well as others that are an extended year teacher contracts. You reward those that had the foresight to do that in front of a lid whereas if you pass this, you penalize those that didn't. I don't think you want to get into that game. I think you simply want to say if you pass LB 1059, you know, come 1990 everybody plays by the same set of rules. And if you start exempting school district by school district, at least with the special ed exemption, you treat all school districts the same. This particular amendment you're certainly discriminating, it's discriminating towards, in favor of certain school districts and I think you want to be very wary before you do that. I rise to oppose Senator Ashford's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Ashford, would you like to close, please, on your...Senator Lamb, did you wish to speak? His light just came on, Senator Ashford.