

contracts, maybe a dozen school districts in the state that have the multi-year contracts. So the budget limitation that is contained in 1059 does have some legitimate exceptions in it for those school districts that have unique problems, but those are very, very unique. Most school districts in the state are going to be in the 4 to 5 percent category and that's factually true. Concerns about other tax matters not addressed in 1059, we've all talked about those. We as a Legislature can address what you do about renter credit, what you do about the way you assess property tax, how you deal with personal property tax. The bill has had as much attention, as much analysis as any piece of legislation in my memory. I don't remember when the state first went to the sales and income tax method back in the 1960s, the degree of scrutiny that that bill got, but anything since then this bill has had the scrutiny and it is, I think, a good, good piece of legislation. It moves the state forward. It moves the state from being the next to the last in the terms of state support for education up to the middle. We aren't going to be any leaders, but we're going to be up to the middle. It deals with the inequities that exist. You're not going to see the types of gross, gross, gross inequities where an individual that owns property, the same type of property paying four or five, six times as much as another individual the same type of property, just based simply on the school district in which they live. When this bill passes you're going to get criticism. You're also going to get the thanks from an awful lot of people in the state that realize it's the right thing to do. There is no other alternative before the Legislature at this point. This is what you have. You either vote to override the veto and put this in place or you vote to sustain the status quo. I know there is some people that have some lights on that are going to be speaking on this bill against it. I want you to listen to their comments. I want you to analyze what they have to say and if they can offer you something that is going to be better to take back to the citizens after this session is over than what 1059 is, they can convince you that the status quo is better than 1059, maybe you ought to vote against it, but I don't see any way that they can say that the status quo is a preferable system to what we have in 1059. Could 1059 be a better bill? Sure, it could. Anything we've overridden today, anything we've passed this session could be better and we as legislators ought to commit ourselves to improving all of the work that we've done and I commit myself to improve upon 1059, but it's the option that's there. It's the option that stands between you and the 16.5 percent increase in property tax. It's the item that