

student. And so the equalization aid is based not on the levy, but on the valuation per student, which I think is a much more accurate and I'm much more comfortable in doing it that way as to 143 which bases it on the amount of what the board actually levies, which I just think you invite problems there because boards, you know, I'm not accusing anyone of actually doing this, but certainly the temptation would be there for a board to set their levy higher, knowing full well that they would be eligible for more state aid by doing so. And so this amendment would, the whole distribution formula that would base it not on the levy but on the valuation per student, a concept that all of us are very familiar with in LB 1059. And also the way this amendment reads is actually, would not go into effect until '92-93. And so this year, for one year actually, 143 that we passed last year would go into effect. And so if, indeed, the Legislature decides to increase the amount of money appropriated to the technical community colleges, that any new money for this one year will be distributed under the guise of LB 143, and then next year, the second year of the biennium, and henceforth and forevermore, that aid will be distributed under the auspices of LB 843 which, as I stated, you know, whatever 10 percent of whatever aid is distributed will then be distributed under the new distribution formula which is a valuation per student concept. If there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer them. And I once again mention this, if you...this amendment was printed in the Journal and it was 693 was actually the hearing held on this and it was the Speaker's priority bill, so obviously I don't have any problem amending into this bill and would be happy to answer any questions that any people have.

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SPEAKER BAACK: Next speaker would be Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. Speaker, just the obligatory speech here that the sponsors of the bill have reviewed this. The committee did, in fact, hear the bill, deemed it to be noncontroversial. Actually I think what it was was Senator Moore once again correcting some errors that Senator Baack had made the year before in a bill that was passed and so we are supportive of this measure and urge you to adopt it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Any further discussion? Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members, a couple fairly