

lot of agreement on this, I probably shouldn't even inject myself into this discussion because I represent, Senator Moore shakes his head, I represent an urban district and I'm not going to be impacted by this. I have no ag land in my property or within the confines of my district. I might after reorganization, but...redistricting, but I have none right now and, you know, I probably should just sit back and mind my own business would be one of the comments possibly. But I passed out to you a handout that fiscal...I asked fiscal to do. And if you go down to the bottom determination down there, it says change in school taxes paid by all remaining property once LB 404 is in place and LB 320 is in place, and on the left-hand column you see the percentage of ag land in a school district, 0-10 is where I would fall in OPS. The increase, in terms of the percentage increase, would be about 5.29 percent, doesn't impact me, it's marginal at best. You get down to a district where, you know, you're looking at anywhere above 40 percent in terms of the percentage of property that is ag land and you're talking increases, and this is property other than ag land, so this is to the homeowner in the small towns and the commercial properties in those small towns. You're looking at increases that start at 17, almost 18 percent. When you get up to between 50 and 60 percent you're talking 21 percent increases, 24 when you get to 60 and 70; 27 percent, 30 percent, 32.5 percent in terms of the increases to those other properties that will have to bear the burden of that tax shift away from agricultural land. You're not going to impact the Omahas and the Lincolns and the Grand Islands and the Kearneys and the Scottsbluffs and the Norfolks. You're going to impact the small communities. Those are the ones that are going to be hurting, you're going to hurt the business owners and their commercial property and the homeowners who live there. You're not going to impact me. You're going to do that to say we want to help agricultural land but you can't do that and argue that it's tough to keep businesses in those small communities. It is when you keep shifting the burden over to them in terms of property taxes because it's not going to shift to the businesses that I represent. That's a real question you have to ask yourself when you look at this whole proposal. All we do with my amendment, I think, is lock it in at 80 percent and guarantee that you don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure it out. It is the only way I could offer the amendment, but it is a very straightforward approach that deals with the problem that recognizes what the people voted on. I offer it for those purposes. I would urge its adoption.