

and then it had suggested that we go with the average state aid for the time after that and this simply proposes that we just have one system and that is the one that is being proposed for the phase-in stage. And so that is what the amendment is and I would urge its adoption.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. I'll now recognize senators wishing to speak to this amendment. Speaker Baack.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Madam President and colleagues, I rise in support of this amendment. There is not any reason really to have the two different ways of funding this. I set it up that way but there is no reason that we need to do the two different methods of funding choice and the phase-in method is just as good as the other one, so I would support the amendment and say that we just have one method of funding so that schools know all along there isn't any question about what kind of a method we're going to use during the phase-in and what kind of method we're going to use later. This simply puts into place the method of funding on the tiered cost, based on the tiered cost rather than the statewide average aid cost, and I would certainly support that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Speaker Baack. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Maybe a question of Senator Baack or perhaps Senator Rasmussen. As we get into, trying to keep track of all these amendments that we're going to be dealing with on effectively 1059, and all of those as I suspect take money from somebody and gives money to somebody else in some respect by changing the formula. This one, I assume, increases reimbursement for option students. Do we have any idea what kind of money we're moving around, or do you have any idea?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Warner, this does increase those to a certain...this does increase it for the 29 districts in the state that receive no equalization aid. That's the one that it applies to.

SENATOR WARNER: Right.

SPEAKER BAACK: And it does increase it because under the statewide average I think they would end up receiving about \$1,400 per pupil. This way they will receive about \$2,600.