

will be in 1120 and then returning that to the subdivisions of government in an attempt to balance the loss that the local governments will have with losing personal property tax. I'm in somewhat of a quandary as to what to do with this amendment. Actually, I was, I am no longer and I'll explain what I plan on doing with this amendment. It deals with the distribution formula in LB 1059 and I think, genuinely, I think the proponents of the way the committee amendments are currently written, do not understand the impact of this amendment. They are reacting to the old state aid formula that used to have a foundation aid and an equalization aid and in those days if you put money in foundation, it went to the rural areas. If you put money in equalization it went to the urban areas. So in an attempt to recreate that division, the Revenue Committee which historically has not dealt with the state aid distribution issues to the extent that other...that the Education Committee has, has said that to distribute the money back to the schools, we will increase the percentage of income tax that local school districts get to keep, the rebate portion. If you remember when we did 1059, 20 percent of the state income tax collected would be returned to the school district from which it originated. That then would be treated as an accountable receipt and the rest of state aid would be distributed on an equalization basis. Instead of putting the money in the equalization basis, what this committee...the committee amendment does is it says more of the money will be kept by the wealthier districts, wealthy in terms of income to fund their schools. I think we will be able to demonstrate when we do a full analysis of this that this is not an urban-rural split and it's not a proposal that makes a lot of sense. I think you will find that a lot of urban districts benefit under one scheme and a lot of urban districts get hurt under one scheme. A lot of rural districts get helped under one scheme, a lot of rural districts get hurt under that same scheme, so it's not a, are you helping or hurting or, it's a matter of, are you helping remain consistent with what we did with LB 1059 or are we going to shift courses on what we did with LB 1059 two years down the road? That is a complicated issue and a complicated subject for you all to understand and I'm not going to ask you to take a stand on that issue although I'm giving up the strategic advantage of the majority of those voting as opposed to a 25-vote margin. I am not going to further that issue now. I will be attempting, actually Marcia will be attempting to educate the body as to the full impacts of what this amendment will do and when and if there is a Select File on LB 1120, we will be discussing that issue with more