

the amendment does nothing more than that. It just says that rather than off the cuff grant a 66 percent increase in terms of the hold harmless, all we're going to do is give them 33 percent free time to continue to receive a hundred percent of state aid so that they can only procrastinate for an additional 12 months after we adopt this amendment to 719. I would urge the adoption of this amendment to the Lamb amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, you know, if there was any assurance that there was going to be time enough to review the whole state aid formula in that length of time, I would accept that, I would accept that, because that's the purpose of the amendment, is to provide this Legislature time to review the whole state aid formula. In my opinion, that's not going to happen in one additional year. It's not going to happen that soon. If it does happen, then this Legislature can come in and take that away. You can take that away next year or whenever the state aid formula is reviewed, then that additional year of hold harmless is not going to mean a thing. It will disappear into the woodwork and so then there's no problem. But I just don't think that's going to happen that soon. If it does, there's no problem, it's going to go away. So I say let's stick with it. This is a proposal that came out of the Education Committee. The Education Committee said two years, they thought, was reasonable. That was the amendment that the Education Committee put on my original bill. My original bill had, you know, it didn't have a limit on the hold harmless, but the Education Committee said two years is enough and I readily agreed to that. I readily agreed to that. Now Senator Hall's amendment would cut that down to one year. I don't think that's enough to do what I'm trying to do here. And if you do put in two years and the whole situation is reviewed, that additional year would go away anyway. So I would oppose the Hall amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, the arguments that Senator Lamb makes are that it's not enough time. What's been going on for the last three years, or actually the last two years? There's two more years in this proposal. Under the amendment that I offer, there's still two additional school years that the opportunity would be available to study the