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judges, and the school employees' retirement system--it does not change. If you looked at the green sheet and you wanted to see whether this had a negative or positive effect on state...total state expenditures, no effect.

SENATOR BROMM: That assumes that the HELP Fund is continually appropriated.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, the HELP Fund disappears, Senator.

SENATOR BROMM: Totally.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Totally.

SENATOR BROMM: But it's replaced by these dollars.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: The dollars that would have been appropriated for HELP, if HELP had continued at the present level, go in.

SENATOR BROMM: But if HELP didn't continue then we would have, of course, roughly, what, 6 or 7 million dollar difference then.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes. And at various times this Legislature has appropriated money for HELP. It's beer...

SENATOR BROMM: Yeah.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ..vetoed back by the Governor. In fact...

SENATOR BROMM: Right.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ..that's the way we're at the current level.

SENATOR BROMM: What...is there any impact on the local school district budgets by passing LB 700...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.