

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...to what this actually means for our people watching.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Right. Currently, when we have an option program that if a school is a nonequalized school district, and that means in the eyes of the formula, if they have more resources than they have needs, we recognize when we send, when an option student goes into that school district, currently, they get a payment of the average, their average per pupil cost or the statewide average, which ever is lower. So the statewide average has been about \$4,400. They have been getting that for every option student. You had people who have said in LB 1145, we shouldn't give them any money for taking an option student. They have the classroom, they have the lights, they have the desk, why should we give them any money. The Education Committee said, no, we don't agree with that, but we reduced actually what they were going to get by a significant amount. From that time, someone came forward with the idea of, alright, let's for those schools that net out positive, that means, Adam Central up there nets out positive about fifty students. For those schools that are attracting that number of students, or Westside that nets out 400, or it could be any small school district, they must be doing something. We had the superintendent from Hildreth come in and say that they were getting a lot of option students. We're saying, alright, that does make sense, there is something in that curriculum, something those schools are doing that are really positive that people are wanting to go there. So for those schools, we're saying if you net out positive, that means you have more students coming in than going out, you will get the \$4,400 payment. Now that is going to come out of the income tax rebate, which in 1050 is at a fixed amount of 83 million. So you're going to, if you are doing that, you are going to get your payment for your option students plus after we've done that you're going to get your share of the income tax rebate. Who will not like that would be a school district who is coming out negative on, and not attracting students. And we're saying, that's fine. It is going to cost them, they'll still get some income tax rebate, but they're sending some portion of their income tax rebate to those schools who are attracting students. We're saying, that's what we're talking about. And I know Senator Brown has talked about that, that's an incentive for schools to have a curriculum and a program that's going to