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SENATOR BROWN: And that was the time line that was set up when we passed the bill last year?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Yes.

SENATOR BROWN: Okay. And really at this point in time we don't have any information back, even any preliminary information on which to proceed?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: We had a joint meeting of the Special Education Accountability Commission and the Education Committee in January. We heard alternative proposals from groups outside of the Special Ed Accountability Commission and outside of the Department of Education, who are the two groups that we charged specifically with the task of finding some reform efforts. We have received frequent updates in terms of process from the Accountability Commission, as to some of the preliminary proposals that they're looking at. But, no, we have not received any specifics or any consensus process yet.

SENATOR BROWN: Is there any...has anything like this amendment been discussed by the committee?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: This amendment was included as a part of LB 1145, it's a little different. The concept in 1145 was just to pull the cost out of the tier and then look at the total cost and then put it back in as needs. The 3 percent cap was not considered at that time.

SENATOR BROWN: Can you talk at all about the hearing on 1145 and any of the testimony that related to this? Was there anything that would be useful in our discussion of this particular amendment?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Senator Brown, I'd have to search my memory waves.

SENATOR BROWN: Okay, that's all right.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: (LB) 1145 considered a number of different provisions and significant changes to the...

SENATOR BROWN: Okay.