

haven't been a big fan of this bill and I tell her, you know, maybe some of these amendments I could support because it helps to kill it, and maybe this would be an amendment that would severely cripple the bill in that it could lead to a whole can of worms and problems that would occur down the road once the printouts that would be requested and probably provided to us into the...into the issue. But my philosophy is that we probably should not add this amendment on in that it is something that the Legislature is certainly looking into. It's something we will have legislation on next year, and I think it would be advisable for us to wait until next year to make an informed decision on this type of funding. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. President and members, what I...the first thing I would like to point out to people who are trying to understand this issue is that we addressed this issue philosophically the very same way when we did the transportation earlier. You remember when we talked about school districts who were in tiers, and they may have a high transportation cost, and others did not, that those schools were actually getting their needs inflated at the cost of the schools that truly had the high costs. That applies here also, and so, Senator Robinson, when you talk about the financial outcomes, yes, that is true, but the other way of looking at it is those very schools who may be losing money for years have been having an inflated gain from the tier that they really didn't have as an actual cost. I would argue that this gives a truer cost and an analysis to those school districts that need to have that addressed, and I think Senator McKenzie, as I understand, I heard what you were saying earlier, but as I understand, and if you'll respond, you are supportive of this amendment, right? And you have been working with Senator Schimek and you support this amendment?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Yes, Senator Bohlke, I do with some reluctance because of my concern about the process that's in place, but we talked about the need to guarantee that if we are going to look at high cost and pull them out of the tier that we also need to look at some way to make sure that those are real costs are not inflated costs, and we've agreed on that.

SENATOR BOHLKE: And you...and you will, in essence, short answer, is you would vote green, you are voting green on this?