

district's fault, and, quite frankly, the poor taxpayer just spins around and goes, well, hold it. How do I get the big picture here? And what this would allow, and it is an amendment that I think you will see coming here yet this afternoon perhaps, is that there would be representatives from all these people to examine, in a group, the impact of living with the levy authorities, the property tax funding issues, and to look at public improvements, and what changes we are going to make in services. That's the reason I am comfortable not having your provision in there. I also share the...if we are going to do this report, then we should make it for everybody to do it, and that is going to become cumbersome and burdensome. And, Senator Bohlke, if...Mr. President, could I ask Senator Bohlke a question please.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Bohlke, would you respond?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I am probably going to show some of my ignorance, Senator Bohlke, but it's my understanding that we already have a system in place to examine reorganization plans, and inherent in that is consolidation, as well. Isn't that system already in place, and there are those plans already been examined?

SENATOR BOHLKE: They, in fact, have to come up with a plan that does have to be presented to the reorganization committee. But also in the incentive package, that is LB 1050, it requires an evaluation and a study for schools who wish to move towards merger, that they come up with a study and a plan.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And part of that information, at least it is my understanding, will be available to us, that you will be able to look and say in this particular area, a consolidation, reorganization looks effective or is appropriate because of, and then whether it is distance, student-pupil ratios, funding, all those factors, we will be able to examine that. In effect, what we are doing is, to a large part what Senator Beutler wants to do here, to examine, except we are not putting another set of reports in.

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: That's correct, Senator Kristensen, but by, really with the incentive package, by the time they would apply