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SENATOR BEUTLER: ...is...would be very helpful to us. Thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Beutler, a couple questions.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Based on your amendment where we have to do a fiscal estimate, who's going to pay for that? Can you do that yourself without any outside analysts or people who are in the profession?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, it would depend on the school district, the size of the school district. There's grant money in 1050 for the small school districts to do this type of thing. The bigger school districts...

SENATOR VRTISKA: The question is who...what does this...does this require you to do a fiscal analysis by...or an estimate by a professional?

SENATOR BEUTLER: It doesn't require that it be done by a professional.

SENATOR VRTISKA: So you can do it yourself.

SENATOR BEUTLER: You can do it yourself.

SENATOR VRTISKA: So it really doesn't do anything. You can just go out and say, well, we're going to save 50 dollars if we consolidate with "XY School District" and so that's your report and you go home. Is that it?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, Senator, I'm on the horns of a dilemma, aren't I? If I say, you get a professional to do it, then you say, you're mandating a professional and more costs...

SENATOR VRTISKA: That's...that's exactly right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ..but I would leave it to the school district to determine what they need to do. If they can do the analysis