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tuition to have made that up, their tuition would have went from about \$41 a credit hour up to \$60 a credit hour, and makes the situation even worse. They can't compete among the community colleges, but actually, by raising the tuition that dramatically, they were going to lose even more students and make the problem even worse. So what was the answer? The answer, the Education Committee has adopted one that we brought forward to the committee, was to increase the base year for 1997 and 1998 for the community college, for Western Community College. That's what this amendment does. I know Senator Bohlke will explain that to you. But, really, that is the main impact of the bill at this point in time, is bringing up the base year for 1997 and 1998. And how is that done? It's done by using unused taxing authority, unused budget and taxing authority. That's a concept that many of you are familiar with. What the practical impact of this is, that there will be, and I don't see Senator Wehrbein, but I'll...I'm going to give Senator Wehrbein's speech in a little bit, obviously, it's spend some money and we're going to have to make priorities at the same time. If you do not put the money into the base year for Western Community College, they will never be able to access their share of the other portions of state aid. They'll never get to that portion. They'll never use that money and they'll fall further and further behind and they'll never be able to catch up. That's a big problem for Western. They are really the regional provider out there of community college education. They're a very vital link. The fiscal impact is probably going to be somewhere in the neighborhood, over the biennium, of \$800,000 to build that one base year up. It is a bump but, quite frankly, Western has been very good to work with. The other community colleges realize that they have a problem. The other community colleges have come together and said, this is an acceptable procedure and a way for us to deal with Western's problems, so it's not like we're going to take money away from those other community colleges to...for Western's benefit. This is...this is not, you know, a procedure where it's going to guarantee Western's existence forever, but this is one way, perhaps the only good way, to keep them going. And if you don't, if we don't do something similar to this and, given the Governor's budget, the way the Governor has treated the community colleges thus far, you're going to guarantee that Western just will not be able to survive. It's not a scare