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SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. President and members, I just didn't have my light on to rise in support of this, but certainly do. And Senator Stuhr and Senator Hartnett and others have worked on this for a very long time and appreciate all of their efforts and the work that...and their perseverance on this issue. And so, with that, I support the passage of LB 272.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Seeing no further lights, the question before the body is, shall LB 272 advance to E & R Initial? All in favor of such vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 272.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 272 does advance. Mr. Clerk, LB 272A.

CLERK: (LB) 272A by Senator Stuhr. (Read title.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuhr, you are recognized to open on LB 272A.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. The comment that I have on the fiscal note is that it was felt that we had to put a small amount because of some possible increase in the workload for the Nebraska Department of Education, and that is addressed in the fiscal note. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. We are now open for discussion on LB 272A. Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I just want to acknowledge that this is an A bill that's justified probably, in terms of General Fund. It is the state taking over a local county function. It does contribute to property tax relief if things follow through like they are intended to do. I don't want to make an extra issue out of this. It is another issue where, though, that the state is spending General Fund money to take over a function of county governments as part of our, I guess, overall reorganization, but it is a slight increase again. That's all I want to say.