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the Legislature. First off, I want to be on record of being in favor of strong, efficient schools. I'm not antieducation, by any means. I come from an education background in my family. And I also agree with Senator Bromm on stability. That was one of the things that I worked so hard on was trying to give some stability to state aid. However, can we do that at the expense of the entire state? Do we want to guarantee absolute stability for K-12 school districts at the expense of the state? I think when times are tough, we need to share in those tough times. When our business, which is based on when agriculture has tough times, we cut spending across the board and so on. We are still offering those schools the option of increasing property tax, if those local boards feel it's necessary. They have that option now to exceed budget lids or levy lids. We're extending that, furthering it. A couple factors that haven't been brought up this morning, where do the cities and counties come in? Are they next in line here. We're talking about schools and state aid to schools. What about the cities and counties, are they next? I don't know, I suspect they will be. And another factor that has not been brought up, and I was amazed at this, is the valuations. We've addressed the levy lid, but the valuations in that half of the equation have not been addressed. They went up 5.55 billion dollars last year, that's across the state, 5.5 billion dollars, at \$1 that raises \$55 million additional potential income. I realize a lot of districts didn't take that, but we're forgetting that they also have that potential, 55 million plus dollars they could have raised last year had they left their levy at \$1, just with the increased valuations. Of course, that's a state average. But that points out that there are other factors here besides just state aid entering in. They have that ability to raise more money through increased valuations. I agree with Senator Beutler and Senator Kristensen. I'd much rather be giving us the potential to address the problem before it hits than to go in a crunch. I can see, as a freshman senator, it would be very difficult to come back and have to go through this process from square one, when we'd have the university and everybody else saying, don't cut us, don't cut us. So when times are tough, I think we need to share those tough times, and that means K-12 schools, as well as everyone else. So I will support the Kristensen amendment. Thank you.