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farmer by...?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: The beginning farmer would experience the exact same credit that we are giving to the owner--a 5 percent income credit.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: In addition to what the retiring farmer is getting?

SENATOR REDFIELD: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. So I'm reluctant to increase the cost of the bill. Like I said, I don't think it harms the bill but, as I've stated earlier before, I don't think that the young farmer...the tax...his tax bill is really a problem for a beginning farmer or for anybody starting in business for that matter. And so I'm reluctant to add to the cost of the bill, which in this case does for those that use it. Once again, the fiscal note on this is very hard to determine. It will be out in the future years after this study is done by the agriculture commission or the body and we'll have a better handle on it. I did think...want to say in South...in North Dakota, where there is 100 percent income tax deduction for all income realized from either a land sale or rental arrangement with a beginning farmer, there were 23 taxpayers claimed in 1997, 13 taxpayers claimed it 1996; total of \$267,000 and \$211,000, so not quite \$500,000 dollars credit. I don't foresee that this is going to be a huge revenue decline in this case now based on this last amendment, but if we double that, that increases the cost more per Senator Redfield's amendment. So if you feel strongly about it, I guess I won't discourage that, but I think it does have to recognize it potentially increases the cost if there was full use of it. Once again, I believe the income tax credit is critical to the retiring operator wanting to do something with our assets that would help a younger person. That's what the bill is intended to do. Whether the younger person really could utilize these credits, I don't think so. We may run into the issue that if they don't need them whether they can carry them forward. There's no provision in the bill to carry credits forward. I assume that they would not be under Senator