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A bills in another place, to a large extent, and this would be one of them. And, you know, we can argue about which is the better form of property tax relief, but they're all forms of property tax relief.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Brown, on LB 414.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, Senator Pederson raised a number of the issues that I wanted to raise, but I did want to respond a little bit to some of the questions that Senator Bromm posed earlier. The...our ability to pull out the amount of time in any clerk's office that is spent on the receipting and disbursement of child support is, if we advance LB 414 and we deal later in the session with LB 972, the bill that furthers our discussion in terms of the single disbursement unit, then we will...there will be issues around how much time, but the state will be assuming the costs of the entire function if both those bills advance. Right now, the average that is considered of the time...what...what the reimbursement formula from...that the feds pay for, 66 percent of the cost of child support collection, the reimbursement formula assumes that approximately 30 percent of the amount that's reimbursed is for the receipting and disbursement of child support, and those...those figures are...vary from county to county based on whether the requirement...the work requirement is enough for one person or a multiple number of people to be involved, or whether it's only a portion of a person's time that's involved. But Senator Beutler has spent a great deal of time trying to be very accurate in assessing the...the fiscal impact of the centralized collection of child support as differentiated from the other functions of the clerk's office so that the...the A bill that is attached to LB 414 will most accurately reflect what it's going to cost for this portion of the takeover. And I thank him for being so careful in...in doing that analysis so that when we...when we move forward on this we understand exactly what it is that we are assuming as the state's responsibility for the cost as it exists right now. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Wehrbein,