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have been a complete take-away of money from the budget. Senator Chambers chose to reallocate the money, saying you keep it, but you must spend it in this area. My amendment cut that in half or a little less, to make it \$1.5 million. That's where we're at, at the present time, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen, for that recap on your amendment. We are now open for discussion on the Kristensen amendment to AM2982, by Senator Chambers, to LB 1217. Senator Kristensen, on your Kristensen amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This, as I recapped, was the \$1.5 million of reallocation. I think the record should reflect that primarily why this was done is because that the benchmark was missed by one. That, in some people's terms, is a penalty, it's punitive towards others. This is an incentive for them to continue to make progress in that area. I know it's difficult. Each of the campuses have a varying degree of success. They have different benchmarks to meet with their peer institutions, because that's what we were required. It's always a difficult task, do you reallocate money and try to give intent language where it should be spent. Will you actually get the results that you want? It's my understanding that there is a new amendment that will be filed that will put some new monies into this. I plan to speak on that amendment because I don't think it's a guarantee that the benchmarks can be met, but that that is probably more constructive money to be spent than a reallocation of funds. With that, Mr. President, I would withdraw my amendment to the Chambers amendment at this point.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn, no objection. Mr. Clerk, next item. Senator Chambers, you're recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I also withdraw my amendment that is pending.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn, with no objection. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is by Senator Wehrbein. Senator, the amendment you provided to me earlier