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SENATOR BOHLKE: On the writing assessment, a great deal of it would be the most expensive part is actually the grading. Because as you know, if it's just a multiple choice you can put it into a machine. If it's a writing assessment, that takes more time and drives up the cost.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: So that will be hiring perhaps retired teachers retiring summertime, that type of thing?

SENATOR BOHLKE: It could be. Teachers could be in the summertime hired. ESUs I would guess in many districts may be the place where the personnel would be for the grading of the assessment, and many of them are already trained in this. It's already been piloted in the state.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. So then the other \$700,000, is that training people to take test?

SENATOR BOHLKE: That goes...when we add the reading on...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, yeah.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...that first year. We're going to do the three grades for writing. That's going to take half of that amount of money. Then the other amount of money goes for the multitest for those subject areas.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Is that paper or people to do the work to do the tests?

SENATOR BOHLKE: It's a combination of things for schools to develop the cost of developing those tests, for norming those tests, and for grading those tests.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And they will be reimbursed? The individual schools will be doing that and they will be...

SENATOR BOHLKE: They will be reimbursed a set amount that they have established for coming in...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, so it would be kind of a standardized cost arrived at and they will get that money...