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SENATOR BOHLKE: Right.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...and so schools may spend more or less than we've allocated.

SENATOR BOHLKE: I'm not sure. The only way that they would spend more is if they would be unable to get teachers to agree to come in for that set amount and they had to go for a per diem or something. But no one envisions that maybe really taking place.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And as we go into the future, do you assume that this is approximately the amount of dollars that will be needed other than ordinary inflation, whatever that may be?

SENATOR BOHLKE: I would assume in the future there would be as far as the department's part of that that cost would come down because you would have more of the training done that's going on right now and money being expended. As far as development of a test, once they've developed a criterion-referenced test, there has to be updating; but it would not still be the same cost in the initial development. I don't want to promise that, but I would assume that number could come down. However, the writing assessment I would say would remain a consistent cost when you look at what I described to you...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...is the main cost of the writing assessment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, without being mean, so to speak, and pinning you down, if we were looking at this five years hence, we should expect that the cost shouldn't be exorbitantly greater at least and perhaps can and should be somewhat reasonable to less.

SENATOR BOHLKE: I would agree...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And this is not a critical thing except I'm trying to look ahead.