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writing assessment, if we adopt the amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, but I don't want to get that yet. I want to focus on the general concept first. But let's say that they have their separate standards. Even though it doesn't say they have to have a test, they have a test, and they are going to test (a) their own standards, (b) the State Board standards, or (c) both standards.

SENATOR BOHLKE: (a), their own standards.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Their own standards.

SENATOR BOHLKE: If they have

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...developed, many of them have standards that are higher actually than the State Board standards.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Or they could be much lower? There is nothing that says they even have to have standards.

SENATOR BOHLKE: And that would be reflected in the results.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so if their...if what they are testing is not the state standards anymore but their own standards, then since all school districts are doing that and they all may have different standards, there is no valid basis for any comparison, is there?

SENATOR BOHLKE: That's what I was saying and that was concerning me, Senator Beutler, and that's why we have this amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, but we'll get to that...

SENATOR BOHLKE: I know.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...in a minute. But if every school district has different standards and they test to their own standards, and all the results are different, first of all, the first