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look at what wording may have made them too vague, but the Department of Education should be able to do that. I mean they've been about this for a long time. They would know where the debate and the dialogue had been as far as if they were vague or specific. And so in answer to this amendment, I really cannot see that there would be any great financial cost. There will certainly be some time going back. It will put them under the gun to get those more specific before they begin whatever test we decide upon. But, given the Attorney General's Opinion, once we mandated the standards I think they would have had to do that anyway. So it may...we may have to pass an A bill along just because there may be some uncertainties with it, but if there's a cost I think it's minimal. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Raikes, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Senator Beutler, if I could ask you a question. Would you state for me again what you'd hope to accomplish with this amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you respond?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, the original design of or plan that the Legislature had approved two years ago involved a single test, but that's not the question here, in my opinion at least. And it also involved that test being an assessment, whether it was a single test or whether we used several different tests, different school districts use different tests. Still, it was to be an assessment of the state standards; every student in the state, measuring how they did vis-a-vis the state standards. And so what appears to have happened is that as a result of the Attorney General's Opinion we simply threw out of the bill the requirement that the assessment be with respect to the state standards because the state standards were deemed too vague by the Attorney General. So what I'm saying is go back, fix up the state standards, and then we're in a position where the state standards can be used if we choose to do that. And...

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay, so I heard you say then that the main thrust is simply to fix up the standards, and I think what you meant by that is to clear the problem identified by the Attorney