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to the Legislature on a Monday...or an early morning session. It was accepted, and the Legislature passed this legislation. And the first unification program was in my legislative district. It has been...at this point, as I understand, it's been very successful. The three towns that are unified are Clearwater, Orchard, and Verdigre. And they are in the business of getting this thing underway. I think they've been unified now for a little over a year, and everybody that I talk to is very pleased with the process. We think it's working very well. I think that there is a need for the funding, because it is an expensive process. It takes a considerable amount of effort on the part of the communities, the school boards, the administration, and even the staff, to get together and make sure that everything is going to work in sync, and that it will be, in fact, a success. It has been successful so far. I look for it to be successful other places. We've got the pattern out there. The model is available. Anybody can use it. And I think we do need the extra funding to take care of that. With that, I'd like to ask Senator Bohlke a question, please.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bohlke, would you respond?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SENATOR DIERKS: Perhaps...maybe you can tell me, Senator Bohlke, how much...how many dollars will be in the amendment that's coming from Senator Wehrbein?

SENATOR BOHLKE: The amendment will accomplish adding \$2 million to the Incentive Fund. As I understand, it will...that's what the transfer will cover.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay. Thank you very much. I just...

SENATOR BOHLKE: The bill originally had \$3 million in it, Senator Dierks. We were amending it down to \$500,000 this year. But...so this would transfer \$2 million.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you. I think that that's certainly an improvement over what we had. And I'm very willing to support that. I am interested in seeing how the rest of the body feels about it, but I think it gives an opportunity to help to keep