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this bill is...and you will notice, is I think \$668,000 to \$761,749. There is a cost to this. There will be an A bill along. I'm going to recommend that you advance this bill. Because there is an A bill, it will not go beyond Final Reading until we have the budget bill before us and can decide how this fits in with all the other needs we face. I do want to emphasize that I feel this is a legitimate request on the part of these school districts. It's simply a matter of the state honoring what these school districts had every reason to believe was a valid promise. So with that, I'd be happy to address questions. I would urge your advancement of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. You've heard the opening on the advancement of LB 66. Now open for discussion. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Raikes, I'll have to admit I'm confused. I'm still not clear, if you would answer the question, as to why the General Fund would be liable for some of these funds. And I'll admit I haven't had a chance to examine your explanation in detail, but...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, would you yield to a question from Senator Wehrbein?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes, I will respond. Senator Wehrbein, as I mentioned, the Governor's request was that this Technology Fund money be no longer used for school technology projects but instead be diverted to the General Fund, so that's what it was...that's what happened. And, in fact, money that, in my opinion at least, should have been reserved in that fund to pay projects legitimately undertaken and completed by at least two or three school systems, went to the General Fund. It's no longer in this fund. This, in effect, would say we need to take at least that much money out of the General Fund, which we shouldn't have put in the General Fund in the first place. If...I can't imagine if you were confused before that you're not more confused now, but...