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amendment would pass, we could double the number of administrations and still comply with your bill?

SENATOR JENSEN: Senator Erdman, we looked at that also, and that is the reason I will not take this to a vote.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Okay.

SENATOR JENSEN: Because, yeah, that really is a problem when you have school districts that are crossing county lines, and all of that, the way that works out. And so I recognize that, and that's why I would not take this to a vote.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Okay. And I apologize, I didn't hear that. I do think...again, I think what...and ironically, I'll share this with the body, I did mention last week that I was going to have quite a few meetings this weekend. Some of the things that I heard this weekend surprised me probably more than anything I've ever heard. And they weren't talking about raising taxes or not. They were talking about having a plan in place about what we're doing for the number of school districts in the state. And a lot of the people that made those comments weren't from the larger communities. They were from some of the smaller communities, because they do have some concerns about continuing the opportunities for those young people in those communities that you might face somewhere else, based on either enrollment or other issues. And they so much...they weren't so much concerned about reorganizing, if you will. They were so much concerned about the uncertainty that is in there today, and that is you're living on a year-to-year basis, depending upon how the aid swings and depending upon valuations and other things, as well as enrollment. There's a lot of things that they're concerned with. So I think Senator Jensen, and also earlier, with Senator Bourne, we were addressing a thing that is important that we look at, and that is, how much of our education dollar actually hits the classroom. And if we have a high number of administrators, I think we can make the argument that most...or some of that money doesn't hit the classroom. And I think that's a detriment to the entire system. As to Senator Wehrbein's proposal, I do think eventually we need to at least have a plan in place, whether it be this year or next