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digital media, \$2.4 million, with an estimate of about \$7.9 million. And that is why the amendment is before you to reduce the \$10 million to \$8 million. A couple other things, the future networking scenario would enable elementary, middle, and high schools to have multiple low-bandwidth video connections occurring simultaneously. And right now, it's my understanding that most of these schools can only provide one distant learning classroom at a time. So what we're talking about...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR STUHR: ...is expanding the technology in these schools across Nebraska, also our colleges and our university, and making this a system that is connected. I also understand, it was pointed out that there are standards that have to be met, in regards...and that is why we are looking at some of the cost. What will this project mean for the future education in Nebraska? Over 300 educational entities in Nebraska would be fully interconnected with each other. And that is certainly going to be a very...a plus. There will be dozens of schools that will be able to work seamlessly together. I know I talked to my superintendent the other night, from Heartland, located in Henderson. They cannot...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: ...even connect with Sutton, which is only a few miles away. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Stuhr a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuhr, would you respond?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Stuhr, you mentioned the teaching of