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SENATOR FISCHER: Thank you. Possibly I can visit with Senator Raikes off the mike. I would like to point something out, and if I'm incorrect, I'm sure he will correct me. My concern with moving four-year-olds to the state aid formula, we aren't funding that formula now. Hopefully, we will be this year, but that formula is not being fully funded. There are districts in this state and in school districts, and I have some in my legislative districts, where 89 percent of their general fund money is coming from property taxes. The state is not helping those districts. And if you add more students in the student count, when you put four-year-olds in that state aid formula, you've added more students to the student count. So I guess I would question is, what is the estimated dollar growth of that state aid formula if you're going to be adding more students, if you're truly going to fully fund it? Perhaps we can have that conversation...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Fischer.

SENATOR FISCHER: ...later. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Fischer. Senator Howard, followed by Senators Flood, Brown, and Stuthman. Senator Howard.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I thank Senator Raikes for bringing in this bill. I think this is certainly commendable, and just wanted to share some information. Students who participate in early childhood programs have higher incomes and pay more taxes when they become adults. Students that get quality early childhood education have less grade retention, less need for special education, lower dropout rates, higher graduation rates, and attain higher levels of schooling. And an interesting quote is, investment in early childhood education's programs yields an extraordinary return, far exceeding the return on most investments, private or public. Good childhood programs, we're talking early childhood programs, will produce \$3 more in benefits for every \$1 invested. An investment in early childhood education will allow us to produce the high...highly qualified workforce that will be needed to attract new jobs to our state. Again, I want to thank