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would ask for adoption of AM2605. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. You've heard the opening on AM2605 presented by Senator Baker. Open for discussion. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I'd like to ask Senator Baker a couple of questions about this, if I could. Senator Baker, first off, is there a fiscal note for LB 77? Is that what the bill was?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, there is.

SENATOR RAIKES: Is that available? Do we...I can get it, I guess, off of the...

SENATOR BAKER: It's...it would be on your screen, or I can get you this copy.

SENATOR RAIKES: Well, let me ask you this. How much money are we talking about here? You said 30 percent, and that 30 percent is how many dollars?

SENATOR BAKER: Roughly \$7 million, on an annual basis.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. So we're talking 30 percent of \$7 million, or the 30 percent amounts to \$7 million?

SENATOR BAKER: No. The 30 percent is \$7 million.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. And currently, we're allocating that \$7 million to counties, which...and then it gets distributed to cities, counties, and school districts, right?

SENATOR BAKER: All the political subdivisions, yes, every one of them.

SENATOR RAIKES: All right. And you mentioned the difficulty of having small checks cut, as being the reason to say that we're no longer going to distribute this to political subdivisions, but we're going to shift it all over to the Highway Trust Fund?