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there's teachers that don't know if they're going to be teaching in town at our elementary in town or if they're going out to a rural school. That hasn't been decided yet for the staff, and I have friends who are members of that staff. I have friends on the board that I used to be on. It's not a good situation. The Broken Bow School District, they are facing tremendous costs. They're a K-12 district, but they have problems with the affiliated ones. So there were costs associated with LB 126 that were kind of dismissed last year. And there are districts in the state that are having problems with them now. The North Platte School District, they have problems. So we're looking at LB 1024. What are the costs in LB 1024? I would hope somebody would step forward and answer that. As I said, I don't know where I am on this bill yet. And I've entered into the fray and I'm...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FISCHER ...I guess I'm happy to be a part of the fray again because these are concerns that don't just affect Omaha and they don't just affect the suburban districts. When you're talking about costs, you're talking about school aid, and that school aid affects all of us and how the formula is distributed and how the state aid formula is going to be tweaked on this one. So I need to know what the cost is to the state, and I need to know possibly what the cost and the loss of state aid may be to school districts in my legislative district. So I would appreciate it if someone could answer those questions on just what's happening here with LB 1024 on costs. We've heard the discussions on quality. We've heard the discussions on children. So let's get to the bottom line here, what's the cost? Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Fischer. Senator Smith, followed by Senator Bourne.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I'm hoping that Senator Chambers would yield to some questions about his amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, would you yield to a