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Chair Schodorf :

Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee.

Although the structure of the bill is somewhat complicated, the purpose is quite simple. HB 2269 will simply mandate that a certain percentage of the current LOB will move from being optional to being mandatory. The reason for doing this is simply an effort to put the state in a better position in regard to the court case that we are currently facing regarding school funding.

I have attached with my testimony a letter dated April 21, 2006, from Legislative Post Audit which speaks to how they handled LOB money in their cost study. I would refer you to the second page where they state that if the law "had made parts of the LOB mandatory, we would have felt we had to count the applicable funds as covering part of the estimated \$3.151 billion cost". The goal is to simply identify as foundational, money that is currently being spent in a way that is revenue neutral to school districts.

There can be arguments made about how much this change might help with regard to our lawsuit, however, I would argue it very well could help and in any case it is hard to see downside.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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