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I have been watching several of the discussions on the two bills listed above and am in complete support of the bills. It most likely comes as no surprise to you that at budget time one of the largest variables that we wait to hear is what the increase in health insurance costs are going to be so we can finally craft a budget. We end up waiting late in Spring when we should be starting earlier but are really unable to do so. Health insurance costs drive our budget and subsequently most of our negotiation talks with all levels of staff.

I think this would help the state as a whole in funding issues and will hopefully give us, the districts, more security and information going into our budget cycle which really should start in mid-march.

Thanks for listening and considering these bills.

Sincerely,

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