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Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, members of the Legislature, this is just catching up the bill with the main substantive bill on LB 414, which is on Select File. The A bill currently has a \$2.5 million figure attached to it for the first year; 4.5 for the second year. The ultimate ongoing cost of this once the state starts recapturing federal funds and court fees that are applicable will be about 3.6, 3.7 million dollars. So, again, this is just catching the bill up with the Select File where, I assume, we will have another discussion of the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Debate on the advancement of LB 414A. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close. Senator Beutler waives closing. The question is the adoption or the advancement of LB 414A to E & R Initial. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 414A.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk, General File, 2000 Senator Priority Bills.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1348 introduced by Senator Wehrbein and others. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 19 of this year, referred to the Agriculture Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending, Mr. President. (AM2527, Legislative Journal page 889.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to open on LB 1348.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This is kind of an update. I've opened on this. This is an act that says that \$1 million in state General Funds shall be distributed annually through the grant process to qualifying entities that provide new or enhanced economic agricultural opportunities that result in sustained or increased numbers of farming and ranching operations, and it's a...I call it the entrepreneurial bill because it does help those that are seeking to survive or grow or find alternative oppor...alternative opportunities in rural