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HB 98 – Capital Outlay Funding Modifications
Chief Sponsor: Christine Watkins
Senate Sponsor: Ralph Okerlund

HB 98 allows small school districts to use capital outlay funds for plant services.

- **No Correlation:** There is no correlation between the size of small school districts and the cost of plant services. Therefore there is no reason to allow small school districts a special exemption to use capital funds to pay utility bills, maintenance staff, etc.
- **Unintended Purpose:** The capital outlay levy was created and authorized by the public for the purpose of capital projects. Small school districts should not be given a “pass” to use these funds to fix budget gaps.
- **Short Term Fix:** HB 98 authorizes a shift of funds through 2014. This is a short-term fix to the ongoing budget expenditure of plant services. HB98 does not encourage small school districts to make sustainable budget decisions to fund plant services.
- **Bailout:** Poor budget decisions by small school districts should not result in bailouts by the Legislature. HB98 gives small school districts an “out” to their budgeting mistakes.