REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL:	No fiscal impact	
Action:		Do pass as amended and be printed engrossed
Vote:		5-0-0
	Yeas: Nays: Exc.:	Burdick, G. George, Monroe, Starr, Deckert
Prepared By:		Steve Meyer, Economist
Meeting Dates:		3/6, 5/23

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Repeals the transfer of \$2.5 million each year from the State School Fund to the Small School District Supplement Fund. Deletes statutes that distribute the Supplement Fund to districts with less than 8,500 weighted students that have small high schools. Takes effect June 30, 2012.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Adequacy of small high school funding Funding outside the school equalization formula Need for funding policy review within 5 years

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS: Replaces the original bill.

BACKGROUND:

The 2001 Legislature enacted the Small School District Supplement Fund for small districts with small high schools. For the 2001-03 biennium, the transfer from the State School Fund to the Supplement Fund was \$9 million. The school district grant was \$200 per small high school ADM. The remainder was for need grants that required an application. The transfer was not permanent.

The 2003 Legislature continued the transfer to the Supplement Fund but reduced the 2003-05 funding to \$5 million. The \$200 per student grant was replaced by a per student grant equal to the funds transferred divided by the number of qualified small high school students. Need grants were eliminated.

The 2005 Legislature made the \$5 million per biennium (\$2.5 million per year) transfer and distribution permanent.