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(Neb)-Property Tax Relief Plan Unveiled

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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - A coalition of major Nebraska agricultural groups has endorsed a proposal designed to lower property taxes and ensure state funding for K-12 schools by raising cigarette and alcohol taxes and eliminating other tax breaks.

Members of the Nebraska Agriculture Leaders Working Group hailed the proposal Monday as "the best bill from which to start,"

The bill would eventually guarantee that all Nebraska schools get at least 50% of their basic education funding from the state. Many rural schools currently receive no state equalization aid.

It includes some controversial proposals such as eliminating the sales tax exemption for groceries, but farm groups and sponsor Sen. Curt Friesen of Henderson say the bill could change and they're willing to consider other ideas.