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years ago, when we had appropriated, and Senator Wehrbein can back me up on this, millions of dollars for those people over there at OJS, at juvenile services, to put together these programs and it is not occurring. So now you're willing to put more money into those programs. That is not what this is supposed to be used for. The only reason that I would support this bill, the only reason at this point in time, is because this money is supposed to go directly to the counties for these purposes, and under the Wickersham discussion, it would...it would go for property tax relief, under the lid for property tax relief. Those were the conditions of this piece of legislation, and I don't care how many deals are worked out here, if this bill does advance to the Governor's Office, I hope that he looks it over very carefully for a veto, if that's what's going to happen on this floor. Because if you are giving this money again to those same people who have taken millions and we have seen nothing in its place, then...and you're...and you're going to be willing to do that again, and at this late date take that money out these specific purposes, then I hope it gets vetoed. Because I know 512, in its original form, is important to Douglas County, it offers over a million dollars for the reimbursement of those payments, and that's why they back it, and that's why you see with all your stuff for 512 that Douglas County is in favor of this. But I can tell you they are not going to be in favor of this money going to more...down a hole that so much has gone down in the last few years and there's nothing to show for it. And now it's all caught up in that big reorganization in HHS, and I know there's people who think we can just keep putting money into it, and keep putting money into it, and at some point in time it's going to work, but that's not going to be the case. So if this discussion is going to take a turn for taking this money away from the counties and putting it somewhere else, and giving it to somebody else who is going to rehabilitate juveniles, then I'm telling you the need for my county, the desperate need for my county today is for reimbursements of the cost for transportation and the specific cost as spelled out in 912 (sic). Because if you go give it to some other organization and for some other purpose, they are still going to have to pay, Douglas County taxpayers are going to have to pay for where we've got these kids now today because none of these programs are working out. None of them are giving us any of the relief. None of them are working with the kids