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which are \$2.6 million, that's various issues across the agencies; mental health/substance abuse increases of \$3.3 million; student testing, that's per what we were discussing this morning, that is in our budget per 12...LB 1228 last year. When it was referred to this morning that this was in the budget, is in the status, this is where we have that money in Department of Education for the issue we were discussing this morning. Disability aid rate equity, we did increase this again per the STEP Program. This is...reflects the Governor's recommendation. It is not quite to 100 percent. We did slow down one step, that could call almost a half step, but we have made progress on that and we are getting very close to 100 percent of the funding that we had as a target three or four years ago. Aid to NRDs, \$1.6 million increase; aid to aging care management, added to Area on Aging programs \$1.5 million; developmental disability aid transition of \$1.4 million; the initial staffing of the Tecumseh prison of \$1.8 million; and the McCook work camp operations and staffing of \$3.8 million. Those are the significant increases in the budget. If you notice, they total \$193 million. We do have some decreases, as you'll notice. I don't think I'll go into the decreases unless you have questions on them. I'm certainly...you probably like the decreases, but significantly, if you notice, it's in construction. And I will make a note of aid to counties is reduced here because we have taken that money out of the...LB 142, which was a motor vehicle tax distribution. Because of the formula used and because of the funding for motor vehicle taxes, in order to...that money gave additional money to counties specifically and so this was reduced in our state aid to counties that goes back to the eighties when they were given the money...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...17...\$17 million, yeah, \$13 million for personal property tax repayment. And so we reduced the aid to counties because they are getting more under the motor vehicle tax under LB 142. That, in essence, is the first explanation of this, and I'll be happy to entertain questions when it's appropriate, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Mr. Clerk, are