

call educational units or educational programs. They would get so much money for an academic program and that would count one. They would get 1.5 for what we call light vocational programs because of increased costs and thirdly, they would get 1.75 for heavy vocational programs. Those are the most expensive. This is the formula and generally is agreed to by the committee if I recall correctly and I think your recommendations which were given to you earlier in the session will also bear this out. We have another problem and, again, we get back to a lid bill to tell you how difficult it is to try to prescribe a 7%. What we have done here because there are two areas that probably are going to have serious problems under 7% regardless of what we did to 285 and I will read directly to you what the amendment proposes to do. Mill levies will remain at two mills for operation, one mill for capital improvement and no more than a two and a half mill total. That is presently our law. However, in areas with less than seven citizens per square mile, with two mills for operations may by a two thirds vote of the Board of Governors be exceeded to generate the amount of local tax permitted under the new lid law, LB 285. Because it has been brought to our attention, particularly Western Technical Community College, and possibly Mid-Plains, that if they can levy their limitation, they will still end up short of 7%. In the case of Western Tech it will probably come up somewhere between 3.5 and 3% short of what they would be allowed to raise under the bill by the levy. As you know they have got some problems out there. Again, another problem we have addressed but have not solved and that is how about assessing your property and getting on the rolls when you should and there are seventeen counties in Western Tech who are still scrambling with that idea and as a result, Western Tech is in a very precarious situation simply because, even under our lid, they are not going to be able to get their 7% that they would be entitled to under law. So that is the reason we put that in there. There may be those of you who argue and say well this is special legislation. I submit to you that last session, 922, we treated different community college districts differently. I just read that to you. We did in terms of capital construction. We did in terms of lease purchases. We did in terms of land acquisition and we spell it out specifically and we are doing it here under a sparsity factor that is primarily due to assessments of counties and Western Tech who really have not yet put their assessments on the roll where they could generate under two and a half mills, the amount of money they need to carry on