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LB 404

SENATOR WESELY: These amendments? Certainly not. Oh, oh, okay, from what we now have? Is that what you are saying? The present services for the aging versus the aging services, yes, it will cost more money.

SENATOR HABERMAN: How much more? What the fiscal sheet shows? Two million?

SENATOR WESELY: It should...I think you are talking more in the range of a million instead of two.

SENATOR HABERMAN: But let's talk the 2 million because that is what the fiscal sheet shows.

SENATOR WESELY: Mmm, hmm.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay, now, what are we and what are the people involved in the program going to receive for the 2 million additional dollars?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, first off, if you would have kept the bill as it was you would have had services where they are not now and I think you are also going to expand some of those services in the areas that are now served but I think Senator Fowler could better answer that. If you don't mind, I will have him answer it.

SENATOR FOWLER: Senator Haberman, the 2 million dollar fiscal note would be 2 million dollars in addition to what is being spent now in terms of state, federal and local money. Currently community aging services are receiving about 9 million dollars across the state, 6 million of that federal, \$400,000 state, 2.6 million of that is local contribution. Okay, LB 404 in its original form said that these services shall be across the state by 1986, in five years, and that the match shall be 86% state and federal and 14% local. All right, what the Health and Welfare Committee has done and the 2 million dollar impact is based on the original 404. So adding 2 million dollars to the 9.3 million should have extended all these services statewide as was the estimate. Okay, now since the bill no longer mandates that, the control on the final cost will be with the Legislature. We will decide what to appropriate. We will not be under any mandate to extend services. I suppose that we could decide not to increase our share at all. I would hope that that would not be the case. I would hope that, in fact, some additional resources. I think when Senator Wesely says that the cost to the state has been cut in half, I think that would be accurate so that we are reducing it but the current funds that are spent now for these types of services across the state is 9.3 million.