

and bail those counties out and shift funds away from counties that have supported mental health strongly to these other counties. I don't think that is right. The funding formula's are complex. I see no reason for us to change them now, we didn't change them earlier. I would just point out, and I think Senator Kahle is in Region. . . I can't remember if it is Region III or Region IV. Region III they provide 60¢ per citizen, per capita local tax funds to support the community health programs. In Region IV it is 67¢. In Region I it is twice that \$1.39. In Region II it is a \$1.16. In Region V it is a \$1.03. In Region VII it is 70¢. So what you are really going to do is you are going to be redistributing those moneys to allow the communities that have not supported mental health in the past to take a larger share of the state pie, that is not a fair and equitable thing to do. If we are going to change the way mental health services are delivered and I believe that there should be some changes, and there probably could be less county money involved than there is, we should do that. But, we should not do it as a last minute amendment to LB 942. I think we should reject Senator Kahle's attempt to revive LB 635 again. Thank you very much. I urge you to reject the Kahle amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the proposal as well. Senator Kahle is quite correct the substance or the concept was included in the bill originally and we were looking at the match requirements for three of the programs, Community Mental Retardation...Retardation Community Mental Health and the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program and I guess our conclusions were that while some change is probably appropriate and they all three ought to be worked somewhat together and whatever adjustment but attempt to make that change now was not time to do it because we were not satisfied at least with any of the proposals. So again I guess I would urge you not to adopt the amendment at this time. Although I would surely agree that some changes in all three of those areas are appropriate to consider but I think it is also more appropriately the subject matter for an in depth study by the appropriate standing committee in the interim.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle, do you wish to close?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, as Senator Cullan says I probably am pushing a little bit too hard this year. But, I would not be doing this if I hadn't had dozens of requests, not from the staff of my own region but from the people that receive the services and have worked with the