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SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes.

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator Haberman, how many people are being served in Region II?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Seven.

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SENATOR DWORAK: And what is the per person cost of those seven people being served?

SENATOR HABERMAN: It is pretty high, Senator Dworak. I don't have it. But that is not the point. The point is that you are going to close out seven people.

SENATOR DWORAK: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: They are not going to have any place to go. That is the point.

SENATOR DWORAK: I think we have to take a look at client cost and I just think the Appropriations Committee when they looked at these different regions and heard the different regional heads coming in before the Appropriations Committee and testifying, this wasn't brought out. Apparently Region II has some other places these people can go. I don't know that, Senator Haberman. I really don't know that. But I know that Region IV can ill afford and Region III especially, which is Senator Cope's region, can ill afford to give up any money. I do have some total figures here on the regions. Region II does serve 127 people regionwide. Region III serves 379 people and Region IV serves 343 people. So I think we have to keep that in mind before we vote on this amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Hefner, did you wish to speak to this? And then Senator Koch.

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes, Mr. President, I will be brief. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose this amendment. I think that Senator Haberman should have brought this to the Appropriations Committee when they were holding the public hearing. If we are going to bypass the committee's recommendations and go with this, well we will be here on appropriation bills the rest of the session. Senator Haberman, we are going to have a study on this this summer and I hope that you will be present