

action is to proceed with the legislation, to advance the bill off to Select File, advance the bill over to Final Reading. If you have a specific problem, we'll deal with that. But if you're just raising issue, that's fine, we have looked at this and feel comfortable with the situation. We need specific suggestions, not just general concern because at this point we have heard those general concerns. We think those concerns are met. The bill is in good shape and ought to proceed. I don't think you want to ignore this problem. I don't think you want to leave the public health services that the rural areas of this state need so desperately to go again unaddressed. I think it's a small price to pay for helping our people stay healthy and lead the best productive lives that they can. So I think the legislation is in good shape and ought to proceed and...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...I ask your support for it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: I guess my comments would be directed in the way of a question to Senator Wesely and somewhat along the lines so that I can understand the impact more clearly. My impression is that the fiscal note primarily addresses personnel that would be made available in each of the districts. Is that reasonably correct?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR WARNER: And then my impression is that the regions, however, are authorized to provide direct services should they choose to do so. Would that be correct?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, they would be able to operate as they feel most efficient but they really do...the main thrust of it is to set up core teams in this area to provide the services but then also to work with the Advisory Committee in trying to come up with the plans and the way we interact with one another.

SENATOR WARNER: I think I understand the plans and all that. The part I'm...well, for example, there are some services provided by the county health department now here in Lancaster