

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Lynch, would this be an autonomous...I don't know what you want to call it, agency? Is that what you want to call it?

SENATOR LYNCH: No, ma'am, it would be part of the de...can you hear me now? This really doesn't work too good. Howard probably broke it over the weekend. This does not...this is not an independent agency from other state agencies. This is a State Department of Health responsibility.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, now I guess the question that I have is it goes back to duplication again. When I'm looking at the pink fiscal note here it talks about LB 338 establishes a community public service...so on and so forth, then it gets down to the fact that each region would be served by a core team consisting of...and then it names what these would be. And the services that these people would offer would be community nursing services, home health services, disease prevention and control, health education and environment and health services, or environmental health services. Are you speaking about the fact that this is only one team for each region that's going to provide all of this, including home health services?

SENATOR LYNCH: No. No, this team would not provide home health services. They couldn't. This would help...

SENATOR SMITH: It says it right in your...right here.

SENATOR LYNCH: The team could recommend that home health services be provided where they're not being provided. But the team, themselves, I'm sure wouldn't provide those home health services. This is probably not unlike and it should not be unlike what now happens in the Department of Health and local health agencies where they contract with private agencies for the services at no additional state or local dollars, and so forth.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, you should look at that and see once if that...that says what you're saying.

SENATOR LYNCH: You know...