

lot of those things, and in trying to find a formula that would direct the money where it needs to go, this was the one that we could devise and in the most simple form to make sure that the money went where we wanted it to go. I am not saying, you know, I said that in my opening, that this may not be a perfect system, and we are willing to look at that over the interim. And as the 247 study comes out, if they come up with a better way of targeting that money in the 247 study or if we can come up with a better way of targeting that money, we would be more than happy to look at that, but this seemed to be the simplest way that we could target that money.

SENATOR MOORE: My second concern, Senator Baack, I think is answered by the fact that it is capped at a million. My concern is that our problem last year, quite honestly, was the fact that to get money where it needed to go, we needed to spend millions of dollars to get enough to Western.

SENATOR BAACK: That is correct.

SENATOR MOORE: And you are saying by the million dollar cap, you know, you don't ever have to do that because Western would get a larger chunk of that.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, that is correct.

SENATOR MOORE: You solved that problem and my concern about everybody else coming in so we'd need a lots more to give money to us, over a million dollars, they are taken care of, it goes back the way it is right now.

SENATOR BAACK: That is right. Anything over a million dollars would go into the formula as it is now, but only that first million dollars would be directed, and if more of them qualify for that million dollars, then they might not get their full deviation, then it would just be prorated, if more of them qualified.

SENATOR MOORE: Under the present time, is it just Western, or Western and Mid-Plains that qualify under this present formula the way it is written?

SENATOR BAACK: Under the way it is written right now, Western and Mid-Plains both qualify.