

different way and we think that this will address those concerns on an ongoing basis. The other area is the mental retardation aid and I'm sure you are all aware that we have had a problem in mental retardation aid. This year we've had a significant deficit request that came into the Appropriations Committee asking for an additional \$2 million because of some short funding, or shortfalls, or at least anticipations of shortfalls in funding to the mental retardation aid area. The majority of that was in Region V, by the way. And what the committee has done, has come up with an amendment that is in your bill that tries to do two things. It tries to, first and foremost, keep the mental retardation regions, the community-based regions from having to cut services and to try not to eliminate clients that are under current services right now. How that works out in dollars amounts is an additional \$247,000 in our current year, '88-89, going specifically to Region V. That figure along with some, I think, some very good funding by Region V themselves from Lancaster County and going to try to come up with a total package, we believe will be the minimum amount of funds necessary, the least cost amount necessary to try to keep our goal of not taking clients off of existing services. And then moving to '90-91 we added an additional 642,000 or a \$920,000 including that 247,000 and distributed that out to try to fund the waiting list in all regions, so we end up with about \$1,300,000 increase at the end of '91 over our...over the present bill, and we think that the formula that we have used will try to hold the regions as harmless as we possibly can and to try to do it with the least cost possible. It's about \$1,300,000 increase in funding. You might remember, we did add \$500,000 last year to our biennium budget for waiting list clients. That was also carried over into this current year coming up in '90-91 and combining that we feel like we've made some significant increases in mental retardation aid and we were trying to hold the funding increases down to the minimum we felt necessary and we think this amendment does that. Finally, in mental retardation aid there was some intent language. Last year, if you recall, we did have a \$263,000 item that was allocated to Region VI. However, the language necessary to allocate that without cutting into their matching funds or their model funding was inadvertently left out of the bill so we are putting the language that the Department of Public Institutions felt necessary into this bill so that that funding would not affect the cost model. I believe that's...I'm sure you're going to hear a lot more information on mental retardation aid. There is going to be some amendments up and we'll discuss this at