

these people to look at the system. Now I think Senator Haberman has very forthrightly come forward and said, look, let's target it. Let's focus on one region. Yeah, it happens to be his; sure, it is parochial in nature, but he has got problems. He has got problems in that region. He has tried to address them. It hasn't happened. He has been left with no alternative, as Senator Morrissey was yesterday with his amendment, and said, look, I need \$50,000 to get this looked at. I want to address it. I think it is straight up. I think if you adopt Senator Wesely's amendment, it ought to be an amendment to an amendment to an amendment because you ought to add another zero to the total cost if you want to do a decent study, and there is no guarantee that that \$500,000, that it would be at that time, would be enough to do this. It sounds, from listening to other members from across the state, that the problem is universal, it is out there. I think it makes good sense to do a pilot study, if you will, in Senator Haberman's area for \$50,000, see what that brings back; do the interim study that Senator Schimek talks about; and then bring in in the new budget year next year a proposal that will fund a statewide study if that is what is determined is needed through the example that has been given through Senator Haberman and the interim study that Senator Schimek's proposal would provide for. I would urge you to reject Senator Wesely's amendment at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Scofield, followed by Senators Nelson and Dierks.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President, I am going to support Senator Haberman's objections to Senator Wesely's amendment to the amendment. I do have some concerns about the, you know, what is the right level to set this at but I really do think that if we try to do the whole state, we are probably not going to end up with finding out the kinds of things that we want and really address the issues. I was also interested to learn from some of the comments that Senator Schimek has made and some of the things that she is interested in, that she's working with in my office, and I know there are a number of other studies being drafted at the same time, and that happened last year as well. I recall at the end of the session, I wish Senator Smith were here, we sat down and examined a whole range of studies that had been introduced as an interim basis to take a look at areas related to children, and there were so many of them, and they never really did get coordinated to my satisfaction, and I doubt