

SENATOR WESELY: Right. And, Senator Moore did ask a similar question and I'd be glad to try and clarify it for you, Senator Wickersham. The idea is to be accommodating to the home day care providers that simply don't like the idea of being licensed, but we also don't want to...and they simply do want to only care for a small number of children, but still would benefit from the federal food program and maybe this other federal program that just came about, and so we're trying to recognize they could voluntarily register, they wouldn't have to register, but through the voluntary registration we feel that they would then qualify for the food program and get that assistance. The voluntary registration standards that I would envision would be different than the ones we have in place for licensure, would not be as stringent. It's a voluntary effort, they don't have to be, so I can't see them being a higher standard. Maybe they will be similar standards but if anything, they would be slightly lower standards. I wouldn't want to see them dropped too low, but obviously some lowering of the standards would be in order on a voluntary basis.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Are there some minimum federal standards that would have to be met in order to qualify under the Title XX program?

SENATOR WESELY: No. I think there has been legislation introduced and looked at to have federal minimum standards, but I'm not aware of any at this point.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: So there isn't really any base line that we could point to?

SENATOR WESELY: Not that I'm aware of, but that could change and we'd have to adjust but I'm not aware of any.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay. So far as I'm aware there is no mention in the statute of a fee for this voluntary registration. Would you contemplate that a fee might be necessary at some time?

SENATOR WESELY: It's possible and you asked that question, I hadn't thought about it and it would seem like some minimal fee might be in order for processing these, but I don't know at this point that that is envisioned.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay. So voluntary registration might turn