

language without any statutory authority really do anything?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, it's not as good as the bill but it does indicate that we think the community economic development needs to be coordinated and gives them the green light they need to move forward and call together the different people to start talking to one another and then get back to us by the end of the year about how it's going and what they think needs to be done, and then we can look at the statute next year to how we proceed.

SENATOR MOORE: But if they don't have the statutory authority to do it, why put the intent language in, I guess, Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WESELY: Because it would be...it would be a good faith effort, I guess. It's only intent language so it doesn't really have the impact of a statute but it would be the intent, and I hope this floor debate is helpful in that, that we think it's important for better coordination and more effective and efficient use of resources in community development. And, with that, somebody has got to take the lead to pull that together and it clearly should be the department, I think.

SENATOR MOORE: I guess my only concern is putting intent language in any bill in lieu of a statutory bill when really I don't know what it accomplishes, I guess, when we really need a...we really need a bill to pass that has the statutory authority to make it clear they can do that. I guess it's...intent language, in some ways, is kind of saying ignore the fact you don't have the statutory authority but go ahead and do it anyway. Is that what you're trying to say with this amendment?

SENATOR WESELY: No, I'm not trying to ignore any statutory...there is othing statutorily that would prevent them from doing it now and there is not...

SENATOR MOORE: There is not?

SENATOR WESELY: No, we're not preventing them. It would just be they don't have the statutory authority clearly telling them to do it. And so this is our intent that you should go forward and they want to go forward. They would like to go forward but they want a sign from us that we would like them to do it and with that they are all set to go.