

because, obviously, if we use some of the Cash Funds to leverage the federal funds, my concern is that then becomes...that works fine for the near term but it does create a problem in future years on the maintenance of effort issue because that means we have to...we commit to continue doing this, and if something happens in the future, if General Funds are not as...for other reasons if we need to cut General Funds, I certainly hope we would not need to in this area, but for whatever reason the Cash Fund side of things changes, these are not a maintenance of effort issue that has to be...there's a...

SENATOR WESELY: This is...this is not a Cash Fund only amendment. It allows any of the money we're sending back to be used as a match. It's already going back there. The idea of the money is to serve those people and one of the service areas we found a gap in is voc rehab. So I don't see any problem with maintenance of effort because we've seen a real problem with inadequate voc rehab support.

SENATOR MOORE: Oh, I understand that, but if we do this, then henceforth and ever more we have to fund it at that level.

SENATOR WESELY: Right, and we should.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I understand why you and I probably agree that we should but what I'm saying is that though it's free today it may not be free tomorrow. Oh, I guess you're saying you're leveraging those federal funds and I concur that's something we may want to do but by doing it through the various fund sources you use in your amendment, which I don't really have a problem with, the only concern I have is that locks us in for maintenance of effort issue on down the line. And, you're right, we have not done what everybody would like to do on voc rehab which does leverage with a nice federal match of four to one but the only concern I have is that it's back-dooring us on a maintenance of effort issue that we're going to have to continue to fund at that level in years to come. And there may not be any problem with that but, indeed, there may be and so you're increasing the amount that you must continue to level at, continue that at that level, and if you have a problem in the future, our hands are somewhat tied.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, that's...can I respond?

SENATOR MOORE: Sure.