

adding additional money that we have to continue into the future. We're using existing money that I think probably, without any doubt, would appropriately be used in the future.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wesely, further discussion.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I think in follow up to Senator Moore's questions, and I appreciate them, I think that's absolutely an important issue, and it's something we considered in drafting this amendment. Again, Senator Moore may want to take a look at the exact language but what we're trying to do is not lose this opportunity to move forward if that is the desirable way to go. And I think it is clearly, in my view. But we don't say they shall use this amount of money. We say they're authorized to use up to the cap gap that we have under the voc rehab. The two departments will sit down, they'll examine the funding stream. They will examine the need for voc rehab programs and, in my estimation, can reach an agreement between the two agencies about proceeding. So there's a number of checks and balances in here that I don't think will...will be harmful. And in terms of the maintenance of effort, I think that an ongoing commitment of this sort is not a problem in this area. So I'm sorry that I haven't had a chance to talk to Senator Moore or the other committee members very much about this but I didn't see this as a very big issue or a very big problem and I don't think that it is. But I would be happy to answer further questions if they need to be answered.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Senator Wesely, and I apologize, looking at this and I still have a little concern about...you understand that it's not just General Fund that is required in maintenance of effort. It's the total Cash and General Fund, and to the feds, it doesn't make any difference to them. I mean, whatever the total of the two is, we are committed to do. Now at the level we're now at, I believe it's two million something we're committed to, I think proper now only on the General Fund side. With your amendment, you use Cash Funds to apply towards that federal match and that ongoing maintenance of effort, I guess, is what's causing me a little bit of a problem. And maybe if I could look at it...I think if I could look at it and feel more comfortable before I vote green, I'm not comfortable right now because of other aspects of the bill, I mean the other aspects of what it leads to down the road for the Legislature on the