

SENATOR WESELY: Is your concern about that total level? Is that it? Because as I have indicated, this money is already in the MR budget out there. The maintenance of effort within this segment will not be at all jeopardized in the future. There is no doubt we can come up with the money. I mean, is that...is your concern...

SENATOR MOORE: Yeah, the total level is my concern here, you're absolutely right.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. But if we're already...now that makes no sense to me because if we're already expressing an interest to continue maintaining the level at 2.1 million and I'm saying this additional expenditure will be there, has been there, will continue to be there, then the additional amount I'm talking about is of no consequence. The arguments you're making do not make sense to me. If we're already committed to 2.1 million and that's without this effort, and I'm saying this additional effort will have the funds and has never had any problem with finding the funds for this, then I can't understand the maintenance of effort issue at all. Can you explain it better to me?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, it's because, for one, you're in essence, you could argue it would be taking money away from the regions to match this. I mean, at some point I think...say the money is there, you're right, there is a large dollar amount there, but what will happen in the future is my concern as the DPI will come back and say, well, this is something the Legislature made us do last year, this is something that's on the margin and it would give us more money to maintain at this level and that's what may occur, and that's a "may", Senator Wesely. I'm not saying it will occur. Yes, the money is there, there's millions of dollars there in MR. You're shifting it over on the voc rehab to leverage federal funds and you can say the money is there, will always be there, you know, and you're probably right, Senator Wesely, but I guess my concern is that I don't know that's the case and it will isolate there, it will come back as a cut issue probably in years to come and a cut issue that we cannot affect. And in years to come how are you going to maintain that level? There may be an issue in years to come about the regions will say we'd really like that money for ourselves, possibly.