

up the difference and so, so to speak, the voc rehab division of the Department of Education is held harmless. They do not lose money and because of the match going away and so the dollar amount stays the same as the total amount spent on voc rehab. The issue that Senator Dierks is raising is that \$143,000 is placed in there because of the lost federal match in the cafeteria, why not put the intent language in, the cafeteria itself stays open, and Senator Wehrbein explained it very well. The committee said, well, we're going to put the money in, that's a management decision by the voc rehab department. The committee did meet with the Department of Administrative Services, once again, as Senator Wehrbein stated. They made it very clear that if voc rehab opts out of this contract, they will contract with somebody else. There will be a cafeteria of some sort located down in the basement of the Capitol, but if the issue is appropriating dollars for voc rehab, the dollar amount with the committee recommendation, that whole agency is held harmless as far as they will not lose the federal match and what is made up on the state side, but the committee specifically opted not to tie the Department of Education's hands and mandate that they keep that cafeteria open. That is a decision that...a management decision they can make. They obviously are of the opinion that if the intent is to serve clients, they will make the argument, in all likelihood, they can serve more clients if they do not operate the cafeteria because that does operate at a loss for the Department of Education. Senator Dierks is correct in that if you adopt his amendment, there is no dollar impact there. It's just that the committee chose not to tie the Department of Education's hands, and given that, given the intent was to simply make sure that dollars are not lost, I rise in opposition to Senator Dierks's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President, I just wanted to second what everyone else has said here this morning, and I always like to talk about the people that are involved in a program like this and this is why I think it's so very important, and I thank Senator Dierks for bringing this amendment of intent language so the Education Department knows that we want that to continue. The people who are receiving that training are the ones that we should be thinking about. They are the important people in this whole scheme of voc rehab and of that cafeteria and they are learning a lot and the staff