

roll-over of the General Funds that come out of the commission certainly has affected a very small commission such as this in their revenues as well as as we think about the fact that their gate or their cash funding basis is at 5 percent of the gate take. Also, with that, they also pay the sales tax of another 5 percent, plus whatever your local option tax is. So, in terms of generating money, ordinarily if those provisions, while not in place, if the gate sales tax was dedicated to the service, if the 5 percent that is dedicated to the service was...and that's the part that is weak right now by virtue of the number of events. But you have to look at what the Athletic Commission does. There's some discussion about having the local communities provide this process. Well, part of the standards that we're leaving in place is the licensing and the oversight that goes with any of these particular events in the name of safety, and then Senator Moore was correct in the fact that in the name of safety that possibly their duties ought to be expanded instead of eliminated by virtue of that question of certain events, certain activities that have been created in recent years that don't fall under their purview. But as we look at that whole process, if we were to go as LB 1294, and it's not that we shouldn't be studying the issue and trying to address it, I directed my staff this morning to develop an interim study resolution to look at this problem and try to address it in a proper way rather than simply eliminating the commission because they're into what I believe is probably a bit of a valley in their hills and valleys of activities. This year alone there is scheduled 23 amateur events in the state which is up from previous years. So there is an actual increase in these activities. Where we're down right now in terms of the revenue is the professional wrestling side which is...probably doesn't need much oversight but that's our cash cow in terms of how we go about funding the amateur boxing activities that go on in the state. But by having some kind of a study to look at and address some of these questions, we can do it in an appropriate manner rather than simply eliminating a commission. If you took those standards and leave them in place that we have at the state, you would have a very convoluted difficult situation. Picture this, a person is going to have to be licensed in each community. So if we had a situation where we had a boxing activity that went across the state where they boxed in South Sioux City, then maybe a month later they were in Omaha and later in Grand Island, they would have to go out and get licensed in each one of those communities. Each one of those communities would have to gear up, would have to license a