

this right.

SENATOR WESELY: No,...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Or is it the other way around?

SENATOR WESELY: No, what's...currently DPI has the authority over the mental health system...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay.

SENATOR WESELY: ...in contracting, so it will remain with them. But because this ties into Medicaid, which has DSS as the lead agency, they'll...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay.

SENATOR WESELY: ...have to work with...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Wait a minute, hold it. Okay, go ahead.

SENATOR WESELY: DPI has always had and will continue to have the lead responsibility for the mental health system.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay.

SENATOR WESELY: But...but because this ties into Medicaid, this is an option...a plan amendment under Medicaid, they need to work with DSS, and that's all this amendment is trying to indicate.

SENATOR ROBINSON: You trying to access funds from Social Service...

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...to get this done.

SENATOR WESELY: Right. Take existing...see, what we're doing here, Senator Robinson, is we got existing dollars being spent in DPI, that if we could just work with DSS and not spend anymore money, would bring in several million more dollars in federal match dollars. And we're trying to bridge this gap that's always existed, and this is...and working with administration and make that possible, recognizing the various