

markets as opposed to, as I read it it says, they shall conduct the market rate survey of the child care providers in the state.

SENATOR WESELY: It would be done as it is now, the three markets would be, and they could even have more markets if they wished. It doesn't specify that it be one statewide.

SENATOR HALL: So they could have more, they could have less. It doesn't specify they could interpret this to be the state as a whole. Is that not true?

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, but that's one of the things we've had in the past. We've required this...(interruption)

SENATOR HALL: Well I know and I appreciate what we've done in the past, but these are all changes and they're perspective in nature.

SENATOR WESELY: That's true, you're right.

SENATOR HALL: It says the...and if we are now, do we use the 75 percentile factor?

SENATOR WESELY: We started off with that, but we've gone away from that in the last few years.

SENATOR HALL: So what is currently used, just a survey?

SENATOR WESELY: When we passed the child care bill in '91 we went to 75 percentile but they haven't done anything since so four years have gone by, we're now dropped to 60, I think we're down to 60 in '95, and by '97 when this amendment kicks in it's expected they'll be 55 or so.

SENATOR HALL: When this amendment kicks in it's expected that the current rate of reimbursement will be at 55 percent?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR HALL: And how does this...this improves it and says it's going to automatically jump up to 75 percent if we use the current market structures that are out there?

SENATOR WESELY: What we were trying to do was to get as close...yeah, it didn't...the committee amendment didn't say we