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SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...the rule, to me, is fairly clear, I guess.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay.

SENATOR WARNER: I don't know how you pick and choose, but it seems to me it always has just to pick and choose. But I'm not arguing with your justification, I'm just...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I would be...I don't know the figure for the evaluation unit itself. I'd be willing to look at that, Senator Warner. That's a valid point. I don't know the numbers off-hand for just the evaluation center.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I wanted to speak on the bill and I was late. I do want to ask Senator Bernard-Stevens a question.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you respond?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Am I correct, we had four demonstration sites last year?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That is correct.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Are we expanding that?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, to statewide. The difference between what the Appropriations Committee has done and what I had in 1141, though personally I prefer 1141's dollars instead, 1141 took the four phase-one projects and expanded them to the next level they needed to be. And we brought...we expanded then to all of the other sites of the state the community-based programs, but funded it at that new, expanded level. What the Appropriations Committee has done in the budget is said we're not going to expand the phase-one in the second year of the biennium. If we want to expand the phase-one projects, the four you mentioned, that will be next year in the biennial budget. But we are going to expand from the four phase-ones, expand that