

the micro level that different institutions may receive less because they are not heavily into the vocational side and that was the policy decision that the Legislature made. When we get to this year's budget, that portion was vetoed and that is the portion that we're talking about now. It's the same concept if you wish to that whatever was used for the university to justify the 4 million, whatever was used to justify the state colleges, whatever is used to justify the PEAP program or the private school scholarship program which also affects public schools as well, each one of those is different. But the major theme coming out of the Appropriations Committee is that they wanted to try to be consistent. And I will understand when they make a point that 247 (sic) technically didn't come out of the Appropriations Committee so they don't have to be consistent on that, but I and I think we do. I think we look at it and say, look, if we're going to restore half of the vetoes and each one is for a different reason, if we're going to restore half of those vetoes, higher education must be treated the same. And at the same time, we're going to be putting more emphasis on job training, more emphasis on what community colleges are going to do, we want to make sure and treat them the same as what they are and that is a fully vested, if you wish, member of higher education. I don't see any rationale for us to support 2 million for a university which I personally support. I don't see any rationale for giving money to state colleges that they didn't even ask for or at least the same request they did not make as the state colleges, and I see then no rationale for supporting \$75,000 increase to private schools when they didn't ask for. The fact of the matter is to be consistent with higher ed if we're going to do 50 percent of the override vetoed amount, we need to treat state colleges the same. And I'll be the first one to say that the community colleges originally did not specifically ask for the request because there were different assumptions made at the beginning. But then at the hearing, they did make the request for the funding as other people, state colleges and others made the request and the university who would rather have the five million total or four than the two. And when the final smoke cleared, all of those were granted but one, and I believe that we have to treat higher education the same. I believe that community colleges are going to be a bigger role...will have a bigger role...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.