

different forums. This goes...we were funding salary deficits you might or less than adequate salary funding in the state college universities where this is a state aid issue so it wasn't for a specific issue.

SENATOR WILL: So in your mind are we talking apples and oranges?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, in terms of dollars it's the same. But the salary issue was the issue we were concerned about because we had funded nearly every other agency to...mostly to their request of the 3, 3.5, 4 percent, whatever it was, across state agencies and otherwise. And so that was our particular concern here and it was not a specific issue with community colleges.

SENATOR WILL: And is the salary issue, as far as community colleges go, distinct in that the decision is made at a different level?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yeah, I'd say it's a more local level. In fact, off the top of my head I don't even know what community colleges gave, do you remember, as a salary increase. It's essentially the same I think, but I don't recall the numbers.

SENATOR WILL: Does it go campus by campus or is it across the system when you're doing it?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Area by area.

SENATOR WILL: Area by area, okay. But the committee, in your mind at least, made a conscious decision to fund the two increases on the university level and the state college level and not to fund the increase at the state college or at the community college level.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, I would say that's accurate. We didn't actually have where we voted yes and no, but we...

SENATOR WILL: But just by...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...didn't consider it.

SENATOR WILL: ..by omission, you...