

applied across the state and still the money distributed back to local governments. But the four entity...four types of local governments we're talking about, and in that process we would eliminate, other than for a wheel tax, if there was a local wheel tax, you would eliminate the issue about where the vehicle ought to be licensed because the costs would be the same no matter where. There's something to be said for that and the constitution...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...permit that now. I believe that the distribution portion makes it more difficult. So I'd urge that the amendment be...not be adopted and I hope as we work our way through these bills, and they are all related and sometimes they are related, one affects the other, that we can keep the impact of those at least the best that I can, the best that the Revenue Committee can and all of you as to what they really...impact is intended to be and hopefully what they are.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Bernard-Stevens, you are recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And again I plan to bring it to a vote so at least the members will be able to say, yes, we talked about it, there's a record, and, yes, I voted to do that. And I think that's important, particularly for the record. Just keep in mind what the amendment does is reinstate the stricken language. The stricken language which, Senator Warner is absolutely correct, will give the state more flexibility, and there are a myriad of different possibilities that the state could do on taxation policy, clunker tax is one of those, the other uniform processes that Senator Warner was talking about are other possibilities, and any of those are possible. The only thing this...my amendment would do is to verify that the body truly wants to leave the distribution up to 25 votes in the Legislature, that can change at any time, obviously, that's the reason for putting it in the Legislature, or leaving it in the constitution that says regardless of how we tax motor vehicles, the distribution shall be to the weighted amount that each of the subdivisions have on the overall levy. If you look at the words that are stricken, "and other governmental subdivisions of such county in the same proportion that the levy of each bears to the total levy on the county",