

SENATOR ROBAK: Okay. I would like to ask you, how much discretionary funding is going to come from counties and cities, looking at lids, in a state that's notorious for underfunding of mental illness?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, the same question could be asked, what kind of funding mandatorily can be provided under, under lids, which we're contemplating now.

SENATOR ROBAK: Not quite, I don't believe. I believe that voluntary and mandatory are two different... And you mentioned that this would work, come into play with 1044?

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR ROBAK: Why don't we just let 1044 come into play? Why do we put the cart before the horse here? Horse before the cart.

SENATOR WESELY: Actually we don't because this bill has a delayed implementation date of two years from now so that 1044 can move forward and the state agencies can be brought together, and that should occur over the next two years before this ever takes effect.

SENATOR ROBAK: Okay. And you said your at-large committee powers to...oh, you're still on the committee amendment... Okay. I'll wait for the committee...

SENATOR WESELY: Sure, okay.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator Klein.

SENATOR KLEIN: Well, I think I'm the only one... Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. I think I'm the only one in Health and Human Services Committee that didn't sign on to this bill and it's because I oppose it. I think when I, when we went through the hearing on that we only had two proponents, Jack Mills and Senator Wesely, and Jack Mills' group, the county officials, actually approved this thing on an eight to seven vote, so I don't find that very supportive. I've had many county officials write and quite a number of them call, they're opposing it, part of it due to the fact they're losing local control. And I also, in my own mind, yes, I do believe that we