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LB 1059
LR 206

were involved in LR 206 had introduced as a part of that, a part of that interim study. And I noticed this bill came out of the committee, apparently, most if not all the members voting to advance the bill. As I understand it, the effective date doesn't happen until two years and therefore is consistent with the other areas that have been looked at as far as any change in the bills that were advanced earlier today. The concept that was used in all the handouts you've had have included the impact on local property taxes that...from those bills that came from Judiciary, those bills that came from the Health Committee as well as others. And one could certainly argue, I suppose, that this does not need to be enacted now because it's a state program, it could be enacted over the next two years. But the essential point in these things, that should we get to the point where additional revenue is needed, then these kinds of programs such as 1059 as well as the bills in the Judiciary Committee are going to become a very key factor in regionally balancing the impact of this whole restructure, reorganization of government. My presumption is, based upon what I have understood the goal of 1059, for example, is to, because of structure in all under the state that it ought to go hand in hand with the other major bill of restructuring state government in bringing about more cost effective, more efficient operation rather than a multitude of boards that we have now, many of which, they may have a local board, but they have minimal amount of input other than the fact that they can go to meetings but they cannot effect what tax is done. As I understand it, generally, they pretty much raise what is assigned by the state for them to raise. So I think, I think that this is an important concept that ties in with the need for regional balancing of the impact. And then the other aspect that we've always heard that these kinds of bills or these kind of services, rather, are not particularly property related. They are much more related to other revenue sources in that they are people programs and, for those kinds of reasons, I think it's appropriate that you look at these for support at the state government level. But I gather from the comments there's some reluctance to consider this for passage this year, but with a delayed effective date it makes a lot of difference. But more importantly, if we get down the line and the overall issue of balance...

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...across the state, these concepts can