

would this eliminate some administrators at the county level, your bill?

SENATOR WESELY: I think you'd see, at the regional level, some administrative positions eliminated, yes.

SENATOR ROBAK: Okay, then at what cost would that be? How much revenue would we be saving there?

SENATOR WESELY: I don't know at this time. It would be...

SENATOR ROBAK: Okay, you would say that we would have that savings. And what guarantee do we have that that savings would actually go back to those community-based mental health services instead of just washed away forever?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, the committee saving...the committee amendments, which you've already stated you oppose, is the one effort to try and recognize that there be a maintenance of financial support. So that is one attempt to try and recognize the need to maintain services.

SENATOR ROBAK: Again, I'll state that I don't think that there would be discretionary funding available from counties. When they're looking at lids, I think that would be one of lower priority for a county that's looking at...that's going to have to operate under lids. I think it's a little bit premature right now. I have Region IV in my district and they said that they are one of the model regions in the state, I don't know if that's true or not, I think they have done a very good job in their disabilities program. I just think we're doing this a little too soon. I think that we should let LB 1044 come into play. I don't know how our lid bills are going to work. And I think that this really isn't necessary right now at this time. It's just a shift in taxes, it's not a property tax relief bill. I was a little upset that it did come out. And it was computed, actually, when we were given a...when we were given the property tax relief bills...hearings, not hearings, when we were giving their information meeting that afternoon.

SENATOR WILL: One minute.

SENATOR ROBAK: So I think it's too early to do it. I don't think it's necessary that we do it. I think it's a tax shift.