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SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay. And in addition, in which I also support, is 1044 which is setting up a community regional consensus through a board, if that is what you want to call them, and I don't know what else to call them at this point although they are not established as a board as of yet, but there are different providers that are meeting collectively to determine what the delivery system might look like under 1044. Is that correct? There are some pilot programs that eventually there is going to have to be some kind of a controlling, governing body out there in the area of 1044.

SENATOR WESELY: Right. There is a partnership council and a cabinet and those things, yes.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay. And, what you have here are regional governing boards and county boards are a part of that regional governing board, is that correct?

SENATOR WESELY: Currently that is correct, yes.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay. There are some additional boards out there, too, in relation to this and I guess my question is at this point, I think there are, or perhaps comment is, and I know you have postponed it for three years, but number one, if it is going to be three years away and we have so many different dynamics working out there, is it really necessary to do, do you think 1059 this year?

SENATOR WESELY: The reason I would say, yes, is we are now going to go forward with 1044 and try to put together the system. The difficulty is, if you set down a path where you don't have 1059, now you have to work through these regional structures and different systems that can't be pulled together because of the statutes we have in place and the governance questions and so I don't think that is the streamline system we were talking about. Whereas with this bill, yes, it is delayed but, you know, in time we will be able to have one singular united complimentary system. Not having what you described as a current situation with these guys doing that and those guys doing that, the only way you get to this streamline system is to do 1044, which we have done, and this to allow that to then actually work from top to bottom, not just at the top.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Do you see any chance, that because currently