

SENATOR WESELY: I, I was confusing. Could I take a minute and try and do a better job of explaining it? Could I take a...

SENATOR WARNER: That would probably help me, yes.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. Currently, DPI funding is state money, some federal money, also some local, there's a match. So there was a concern expressed through a bill that Senator Robak had in about if we down...because we were looking at closing down the Lincoln Regional Center with the problems, we're downsizing it, at least. The concern Senator Robak had is, if you downsize the Regional Center and you have savings from that, they'd like the money to stay in the mental health system, only now go to the community not to the Regional Center. That's essentially what the language is that is pending. Senator Maurstad's concern is the savings involved, do you want to require that that local match to the county have continue or do you just let that part of it go. And he's suggesting we just let it go and Senator Robak and I are agreeing with that. So that the savings involved with any downsizing of the Regional Center, the state monies and federal monies that would be saved would continue in mental health services, but we don't necessarily require the counties to continue to put that money in too.

SENATOR WARNER: So in view of some of those discussions we had, this would be...with Maurstad's amendment, what might be considered a mandate as to what local governments are going to use the money won't exist. Is that what you're telling me?

SENATOR WESELY: Right. Just in the case of a downsizing of the Regional Center. There would have been basically a...maintenance of effort required would be what we were thinking about. But that would not be required with the Maurstad amendment. Maybe I didn't make it clear. We're only talking about the patients in the Regional Center, we're not talking about the overall funding linkage on the mental health system.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay. Thank you, I think.

SENATOR WESELY: Tell me what your concern is. I would be happy to try and...