

this bill needs to be passed this year...well, I also should mention that the other concept is some equalization aid for smaller cities, generally smaller cities that have a low capacity to pay or use equalization aid similar to what schools...of course, the funding source here is identical to the funding source that was added into 1050 in which many areas lost that source of revenue in school districts across the state that did not qualify for equalization aid. And those were concerns of those who represent those kinds of areas. In fact, I suspect one of my...part of my legislative district was in that position. But again, you need to look I think at the broader issue, as Senator Wesely has indicated, and if this concept is not retained, then we're going to have to look at something else. But I also should comment that I know that over these next two years while this act is...before it fully takes effect, we will be looking at...and I suspect Urban Affairs as well as Revenue, and our individual legislators, there's a variety of ways that this distribution could be made, and still conceptually use equalization aid, and that is what I would expect to look at. You can affect their level of funding statewide, or the total amount of funding, depending on what kind of distribution formula that is used, and those will all be revisited. But I'd like to see the bill passed for a larger reason. As far as I'm concerned, it becomes a significant factor in the local option and countywide sales tax with a vote of the people, with municipalities retaining their right for their individual, but with that money being dedicated then to, first, to public service, although I believe other cooperative programs could be funded. But it was fairly evident last summer...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...that one of the areas that we could find significant savings in the cost of operation of government was improved cooperative efforts in the area of public safety. And one of the things that certainly is going to facilitate that will be this as a revenue source if it's on the books as local entities are meeting and beginning to look at alternatives. I would suspect this could be a major incentive in addition to the five cents that's dedicated in 1114 for those same cooperative programs as far as cities and counties are concerned. So I'd urge that the bill be enacted, recognizing as any of these proposals over the next two years certainly will be subject to