

earmark, then they can be used for operations, as well as community-based programs.

SENATOR VRTISKA: In other words, they would still stay in the department, but they could be used wherever...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Right.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...the department feels that they could...would best serve...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Within...within some parameters of programs, yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay. I guess, first of all, I appreciate your earlier statement that you were not trying to work for an override on, as I understand it, any other...you weren't...the committee wasn't looking at overriding any other vetoes that the Governor has brought forth, is that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: One of the things that I wanted to discuss just for a minute is that, basically, we have...we've all heard from the education departments, I am sure, in some of the counties, and other ones that have had to take, based on the bill we passed, had to take some cuts, but you view this as just a little different in your eyes because of the people served. Is that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Right.

SENATOR VRTISKA: So that's...that's your main reason for wanting to restore this funds, I guess. And the last statement in the Governor's, the last sentence in the Governor's statement, he said, strategic planning has occurred, and movement in this direction is already underway. Does that indicate to anybody, to me or to you, that he is saying that taking that money out, that other...the planning that is being done will, in fact, be in assistance in the whole program, that there won't be that drastic a cut in some of the program, or how do you weigh that?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I would say that it is going to slow up