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would be coming to the Appropriations Committee indicating what their needs were. We thought that community colleges...remember, a year ago we made changes in the community college formula. We were assuming that, again, the community colleges would come forward and detail their requests. The NRDs are ones that we did not discuss in any great detail but we have done that this year and we believe that there's sufficient levy capacity within the NRDs to address the motor vehicle loss. And...so we have not...we've not suggested any additional changes for NRDs this year. I have met with representatives of the NRDs and we're certainly willing to examine their needs over the summer and, in fact, there was a considerable discussion in the committee about the current aid programs that are available to NRDs. There are five of them in total. One of them, in particular, distributes monies, about \$750,000, based on which one of the NRDs levies the hardest. Over the summer, it's the intention of the committee to examine that formula to determine if we could not create a more rational formula than simply giving money to those people who have the highest taxes and to work from there to determine what their needs are and perhaps then next year make suggestions for modification of that particular formula, which is related, quite frankly, to the old replacement of the personal property tax. And, if need be, we might be suggesting additional funding going out through that formula. But we couldn't determine this year that any additional funding was necessary for NRDs; that they would likely be able to meet their needs through their existing levy authority.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: How about fire districts and SIDs?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Fire districts and SIDs, fire districts could be handled through local levies and, again, that was part of the rationale for extending a slightly portion of the motor vehicle tax to counties, because counties, if you recall, would have to share their levy with the fire districts. SIDs are an entirely different case. There was some discussion in the committee about the needs of SIDs, primarily for road clearing, et cetera. Part of the discussion about counties was that if counties had extra revenues they might be able to provide additional services, such as snow clearance for SIDs, and reduce some of the costs for SIDs.