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pretty generous generally when it comes to meeting these kinds of people programs, and for that you ought to be congratulated, and I hope you continue to help support programs like this and continue that kind of reputation so many of you deserve. So please support this package of two overrides, the Region VI and the mental health providers. It is deeply appreciated.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Stuhr.

**SENATOR STUHR:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I, too, do not usually override Governors' vetoes, but this is one area that I feel is extremely important. It seems to me that the state is faced with more youth in custody and in out-of-home care than ever before, and I think that we are going to have to look very much deeper into this problem. I know it is one of the social ills that we seem to be facing, but it is a matter here where these providers, as has been mentioned before, have not received a rate increase for the last six years. And, as was also mentioned, they are nonprofit organizations and they have raised a great deal of money outside, but now their resources are becoming very thin. I know I have several of these homes in my district and they are very, very concerned. They are actually only receiving about 30 to 40 percent below the cost of care, and they're saying, we can't continue to do this. So we know that the youth are going to suffer, families are going to suffer, unless we address this issue, and I believe that we need to address this issue by providing some extra funding in this area. Thank you.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Suttle.

**SENATOR SUTTLE:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I think I've made my feelings fairly clear during the Appropriations package. This...this could be seen as a rural/urban. We have done a lot for the rural part of this state this session and, those of you who are so hesitant to help the urban areas, I wish you would think about that we are not the only place that has a mental health crisis. The entire state is in crisis. I would beg you to please override this. And I won't continue talking about this on the same vein, but I do wish that all of you could think about seriously, is it better to have our jails filled up with mentally ill people.