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operations; two, reinvest revenue from the reduction or elimination of inpatient regional center services into a statewide development of community-based behavior health systems; and three, provide for more accountable and cost-effective utilization of professional staff at the regional centers, consistent with the clinical needs of patients. With respect to county regional governance, the bill provides legislative intent to, one, change the membership of the regional governing boards to include elected officials and others who have a broad range of interests and expertise in the provision of behavior health services in the region,...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Committee amendments. Senator Jensen, to open on the committee amendments. (AM1031, Legislative Journal page 1044.)

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll continue with this, and the comments on the committee amendments are not that lengthy. With respect to the regional governance system, the bill provides legislative intent to change that membership of the regional governing boards to include elected officials as well as others with expertise; limit and redefine duties of the regional governing board while preserving local control to the greatest extent possible; three, eliminate the county matching funds required in Sections 71-5009 and 71-5027, and require local funding for behavior health services provided in the region based on the maintenance of effort... maintenance of effort, or MOE, requirement established by the Department of Health and Human Services; and four, to restrict or prohibit the regional governing boards from directly providing behavior health services in the region without state approval. With respect to the statewide administration and funding of behavior health systems, the bill provides legislative intent to, one, reduce the overall growth of state expenditures for the system and minimize access to federally Medicaid funding for community-based behavior health systems; two, to provide additional support and guidance for statewide development of