school can budget for a fiscal year. The amount cannot exceed the amount of those funds the prior fiscal year, plus the amount of allowable growth, plus two and a half percent. So considering allowable growth, local government agencies, local government bodies can increase their spending by two and a half percent per year. Right now, the government body may exceed that limit by up to an additional one percent, that would be three and a half percent, with an affirmative vote of at least 75 percent of the governing body. So if you have a supermajority vote by the governing body, the city council, county board, they can exceed, or they can spend up to three and a half percent, under current law. This amendment merely increases that spending limit from three and a half percent to four and a half percent, again, with the safeguard of a supermajority vote of a governing body. The second part of AM1660 amends the restricted fund lid on governing...on local governments other than schools and community colleges by changing the definition of allowable growth. Currently, allowable growth is defined as a percentage increase in taxable valuation in excess of the two and a half percent base limitation, due to the improvements of real property as a result of new construction, additions to existing buildings, improvements to real property that increase the value of the property, and any increase in valuation because of annexation and any personal property valuation over the prior year. Under current law, local government cannot adopt a budget containing a total of budgeted restricted funds more than last year's total, plus allowable growth, plus that base limitation. And again, that's two and a half percent. Section 13-518 defines allowable growth today as the percentage increase in taxable valuation in excess of the base limitation. Therefore, under current law, local government would have to grow more than two and a half percent in order to increase its lid to accommodate growth, even though its expenses increased to provide services to the new area. So this really does affect communities and counties that are experiencing growth. The amendment amends section 13-518 to change the definition of growth. The bill strikes the phrase "in excess of the base limitation." This allows a government to increase its lid by the total amount of growth, rather than just the growth over two and a half percent base limitation. Under...and I think it's very important that everyone