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Committee. And we did amend that bill and then sent it out. And is this the committee's amended version?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, it is.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Schellpeper, I just wanted to ask you the one question we were talking about when we're talking about the advisory board, and I'm looking at the first part where the Rural Health Advisory Commission, they had a couple of recommendations. And just so that I'm clear, one of their recommendations is in this middle paragraph, where it says, these people, mental health practitioner, nurse practitioners, the PAs and so on,...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...they will be included in the types of people who may be able to apply for those loans, depending upon, obviously, where they're going to locate.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: That's right.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: All right. So, in essence, what we will do is we will create a bigger pool of people who may desire the dollars, but since we're not increasing the dollars, there will be more people actually that won't get the loans that may have before because we're adding more people to the pool.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: That's partly right. They have enough dollars to take care of all of the people that want to go there now, Senator.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. And the final continuing on that process question, I think, I have is that of the dollars that we have out there now, that have been for the loan program, have there been applications such that we've always run out of the dollars to do it, or has there been not as large a demand for the loan as we anticipated?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: They have used them up.