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LB 95

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the committee amendments? The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Cullan, would you clarify your statement about picking up the county part and is that in the A bill?

SENATOR CULLAN: Excuse me, Senator, I didn't hear your question.

SENATOR KAHLE: You mentioned the state picking up a certain amount of funds that the counties are now paying, does the A bill cover that that you have in here?

SENATOR CULLAN: It will be in the medication and the shift in funds is only for medications not for treatment. The committee found over the course of the two year study that we did on the Mental Health Commitment Act that many of the problems that we are experiencing with individuals that are being recirculated through the system is that individuals do not stay on the medications, the treatment plans provided for them in the facilities from which they are released and so we felt that those individuals who could not afford these medications should have government pay for them. And so we felt after the committee hearing, the state was in a better position to pay for those medications than would be the counties and that will be included in the A bill to LB 95. At this point in time, Senator, I can't tell you exactly what that fiscal impact is.

SENATOR KAHLE: So #7 of the pink slip that is along with 95 has a figure of a grand total of \$6,251. It does not include that then or does it include it?

SENATOR CULLAN: No, it would not and I do not believe it would include that committee amendment and I don't have at this point in time on the top of my head any idea as to what those medications costs would be but I can obtain those for you, Senator.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President, a question of Senator Cullan if he would respond please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cullan, will you respond?

SENATOR CULLAN: Yes, I would.