

we have been told for a social setting community cost. The other factor that was a consideration is that other Regions, I, II, V and VI all have, as I understand it, a social setting detox center and it was only III and IV that did not, so part of the presentation was that it was appropriate that those kind of facilities be established in those regions similar to what the other regions were operating. And in keeping with that, the department indicated I believe it's primarily federal funds, however, that there would be federal funds available and I believe have been made available to the region in order to commence operation. I think it is accurate to say that the start up costs obviously are going to be greater as would be true of any program, but once under operation then the operating costs should be less. We were told that where medical treatment in fact was necessary, that in the case of Hastings that those individuals would go to the Mary Lanning Hospital as part of...rather than be staying at the region. It is my understanding at least that the principal difference in cost reflects the staffing that is required. In the case of a community based social setting detox center it is primarily that people on staff, personnel on staff that are approved by a doctor. Staffing at the institution includes in part a doctor which is not full-time. He has other duties, but the training of the medical staff, of the personnel rather, is different as far as what it would be...would be required. It was indicated to us by the Department of Institutions that some other states are looking at a similar approach. Both Kansas and Iowa was mentioned to us. It was indicated that Missouri was moving to a social setting at their institutions, but I can only report that on the basis of communication from the Department of Institutions. But in any event the majority of the committee, I believe, was convinced from the presentations that we had that this approach would still provide reasonably adequate services. It would provide a similar treatment for people from this area is available and the other agencies and that funds would be provided in order to assist the community based facilities to commence to operate. Based on those reasons why we...I would not support the proposed amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, do you wish to speak again on this measure?

SENATOR HALL: Question.