

substantially increase the A bill. There is not a snowball's chance that the provisions of this bill could be funded adequately at the level proposed. Back in the middle seventies when extensive role and mission type of studies were done by the Legislature, everywhere we went where they had a coordinating commission, if it was assumed to be effective, if it was accepted as being effective, it is solely dependent upon the director that was given that position. And, in fact, the amendment I have up there on the A bill would have increased the funding to be equal to the level of salary for the superintendent of the largest K-12 district in the state which is \$78,000. That probably is not adequate to attract the kind of person that it would take, but aside from that, I think that there is a resolution in this year to again study as provided by law. It's a couple, three years late. This whole concept of role and mission, there has been a number of things that have been done in the area of cooperative programs between states and legislation just enacted that expands that concept. To be real accurate about how I feel about this kind of legislation anymore, I've almost come to the point on coordination and effective use of public funds for higher education, that you really don't need all this stuff. Really what you need, about all you need to do is you keep probably tight budgets on institutions. That will force program review. If you want coordination between two institutions you give half of them, each of them half the money. If you want coordination between four institutions you give each of them a fourth of the money. That will force coordination. You add to that in the budget process a little common sense, and subtract from that the maximum amount of political bias that are inherent in the political process, and another thing you need to add is something we already have in place and that is a reporting system, that indicates clearly how funds are used. It clearly indicates trends, changes that are occurring so that its policy decisions over a period of time can be identified, even though they are made in increments in terms of one year to the next in the budget process, but I see no purpose that can be accomplished, although the goal is laudable, but I see no purpose. This bill establishes, I think, two or three different committees of trying to have people, I guess, sit down and visit with one another. It would amass a great deal of information. One of the things that it authorizes is to join some of these interstate information compacts, WICHE, I think specifically is mentioned and the WICHE system, there is not funding in the bill to participate. It runs, as I recall, about 25,000 if it was to be done, it obviously couldn't be done...