

for that information to be shared.

SENATOR JONES: Okay. Another question is what about the regional boards? Who appoints them and how many board members are they? How many would be like in my district?

SENATOR WESELY: There'll be at least one...one for every county in a region that's developed, but that's kind of left to the Health Department to develop, the regional basis and the number of representation on that. It's pretty, pretty open because we felt like we didn't want to end up...we started off with the regions that the public health regions are that we established last year, but those can be arbitrary, so we wanted to have the Department of Health work with the local people and determine like how...what areas might have, logically, a reason to work together and then develop the regions based on what they thought. So the idea's for the state not to arbitrarily set the regions but to work with the local people, how would you work together and who would you want to work together, and then set them up from that information.

SENATOR JONES: Thank you. How about the fiscal impact that would be out there?

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. The fiscal impact has been cut with the committee amendments drastically down to about 1.3 million. That's the amount a one-cent cigarette tax will raise. The 1.3 million would go to fund the public health services that we passed in the bill last year. We didn't fund it because there was a cigarette tax increase that was supposed to be part of it that we didn't get passed last year, but that would be the major expenditures on the public health services. There would also be this planning effort and then there is a few other items that I haven't had a chance to talk about in there, but essentially the total cost is 1.3, the same as a cigarette tax increase would provide.

SENATOR JONES: Thank you. That will help me a little bit. There's a lot of questions in this bill and I just don't understand them all. Thank you anyway.

SENATOR WESELY: That's (inaudible). Thank you very much. Uh-huh.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Byars.