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SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Whatever the cost is at the colleges they now have.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Whatever the cost of the college. Okay, right now, as I understand it, the cost of the college is half a million dollars in...from the \$2 fee, more or less, and a half a million dollars from General Funds, more or less. So the tuition that would be charged these students would be enough to generate a million dollars a year in order to cover all aspects of the program. Is that what's intended?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Not all of that would come from there, but it would...some of it would. With the money that they now have, they use that to...want to help use that to fund the people who can't afford the tuition.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The money that they now have, meaning the \$2 fee.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Um-hum.

SENATOR BEUTLER: They intend to use the \$2 fee to help people who can't afford tuition.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so if that \$2 fee goes away, where will the money come from to help those people who need help with tuition?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: It just wouldn't be there. They would have to come up with...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: ...their own money.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And where would the money come from for continuing education?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: That wouldn't be there either. I mean