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SENATOR BOURNE: So,...

SENATOR HARTNETT: And that's where we put it back again, as the...is the present practice.

SENATOR BOURNE: So, as I understand it though, this bill mirrored LB 901 in which we allowed the public power districts to participate in the insurance plan and not consider that as income.

SENATOR HARTNETT: That's correct, yeah.

SENATOR BOURNE: So, basically, what we're saying is if we leave this provision in the bill that these people could participate in the insurance plan as if they were an employee of the utility district.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Under the...under the salary cap, yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: I see.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

SENATOR BOURNE: So, if this...if the provision remains and if the committee amendments are not adopted, then the people can participate, the directors can participate in the plan, and it won't be considered income.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah, that's correct, yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

SENATOR BOURNE: And again, I don't see how that conflicts with the constitution. Because, if you read Section 19, there's a clear exception for officers elected or appointed to a board or commission having more than one member. So, it seems to me that the policy of this state should be that anyone should be able to get insurance, and we should do everything we can to encourage people to obtain insurance. Thank you.