

state appropriations and state dollars would be used to hire someone for the technical community colleges, a political subdivision to lobby the Legislature on behalf of the technical community colleges. I wonder if the same system should apply to other political subdivisions or so-called local systems of government. Should we pass established similar councils for municipalities, for counties, for natural resource districts, educational service units or school districts? I think not. I think we should not use state dollars to finance a lobbying arm for what is, in fact, a political subdivision. It may not be a local political subdivision but under state law it is a political subdivision. I think the major reason that the technical community colleges are pushing this so hard is that they have had some very serious internal problems in their existing group. There have been several board members, numerous board members, who would like to withdraw from the association of trustees for one reason or another and in the past few days I have had conversations with board members who have said that they hope we do not set this system up because they feel they lose control and they lose a voice in the operation of their association. So I would urge you not to adopt this portion, the first portion, of Senator Koch's amendments. Some of his amendments I feel are good. This one I feel is not. Now I also think the other consideration, a fact you must consider, is the fiscal impact of LB 363 especially as it relates to the council.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR CULLAN: In the fiscal note there is \$105,000 fiscal impact for LB 363 and the majority of that fiscal impact is for the operation of this council. Now it is my opinion, first of all, that that \$105,000 will be insufficient. When you look at the state college system in the State College Board Office, they have a budget currently of \$156,000 and that is to control and administer and to have some influence over four state colleges with four campuses. Here we will be talking about a board which will be working with at least fifteen campuses and six different areas. I cannot believe that we can operate that office in a less expensive fashion than we operate the state colleges. So \$100,000 is just a start. I think it is unwise at this point in time to establish such a commission or such a board and I would urge you very strongly to reject the first part of the Koch amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now, Senator Cullan, can you help me once