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am guessing it will probably run it...cut it in half, about \$15,000...\$16,000.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So since it is your bill then I can presume you would be the one to introduce an amendment to reduce the amount of the salary increases for all the elected constitutional officers?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes, and by the time this one moves over to Select File in that period of time I will take up the motion on 488 itself and get that decision made by the floor and then we will know what to put in this before this advances off of Select File.

SENATOR HIGGINS: But you do have a figure in mind?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Without putting the pencil to it and I will ask for the figure from the fiscal staff, but without putting a pencil to it I am just guessing 15 to 16 thousand is the maximum we are going to need.

SENATOR HIGGINS: For the entire bill?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So over a four-year term it would be \$60,000.

SENATOR GOODRICH: And that covers all 7 agencies.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay, and then you think each agency would absorb that cost. It wouldn't come from any other agency.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Let's wait until we get to Select File and we get that decision made on 488 and then we will know what this is...what this figure is, the final figure we are going to need here and then the body can decide whether they want to kill the bill or advance it....I mean kill the A bill or advance it. Frankly, the agencies say they can absorb it so if they can, why give them more money? It is as simple as that. But we can make that decision on Select File and I will bring this whole thing out again when we get the 488 decision made between now and before this advances off Select File.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay, Senator, I think you have answered my question. The agencies feel they can absorb that increase at that time which would sound to me like they have got more than they need now. Thank you, Senator.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.