

that we passed last year, LB 419 and LB 518, they also had an A bill or a fiscal note.

SENATOR WESELY: Um-huh.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. Now this A bill, LB 362A, is that an additional to those that we passed last year?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. And then would you explain a little bit the A bill versus the fiscal note that we have on LB 362A? How much of that, what percentage of that will be federal, and what percentage will be state?

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, okay, yeah because this is tied into match, if you look at the fiscal note, it shows \$1.5 million figure of General Fund money, but then a \$2.3 million figure of federal money. Under the match formula that we have, this is a...the child care and the health coverage is all under Medicaid, so there is a match formula. For every 40 cents we put in, they put in 60 cents, that's kind of the strategy. I was talking earlier about the budget that the Governor has is different than this A bill, and we've got to work with Senator Warner in rectifying all of that because of...all those bills got passed late last year and when the budget was developed we weren't real sure about what was going on. We didn't know, for instance, about Senator Smith's question, about the 60,000, we weren't sure about that until recently. So we're still trying to evolve on that. I think we've got a handle on it now, but that is the reason I'm telling you that we need to work out some of these cost figures.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. One more question. Do we know for sure that those federal funds are there? And, if they are not, will the state have to come up with that additional money?

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, no, this is under the...they'll be there because this is a Medicaid program, it's an entitlement and they have to pay.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Pirsch, on the advancement of LB 362A.