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amounts as 470,000 the first year and I would cut that down at least a hundred, in fact, mine, it's almost impossible for a BSN or...and it is impossible for an LPN or an associate when they start the program to even get the incentives in the first year. And if you will notice, the bill does call for incentives for the first year, but I do want to explain it to the body, I'm suffering from the same thing on the fiscal note. I don't expect it to be near that much money.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schimek, please.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I just wanted to ask a question of Senator Nelson. Am I understanding you right, Senator Nelson, that you're...are you offering an amendment to this bill that would reduce the cost 100,000 each year?

SENATOR NELSON: No, Senator Chizek...or...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Schimek.

SENATOR NELSON: Schimek...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Close.

SENATOR NELSON: No, Senator Schellpeper and I discussed this yesterday whether or not...what we would have done is to have cut the third-year incentive out for the BSN, to have cut the amount of it down, but realistically speaking it is impossible to have this many students with the rural incentive.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So you're just suggesting that even though the amount is in the A bill and will be appropriated, that it probably won't be used.

SENATOR NELSON: Correct. I just can't see how it can possibly be used. If it is used, the program is a very...very, very successful but we just don't have that many new nurses coming on deck.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, and page 2, actually page 3, in what the handout was, is a total really of the first two pages, correct? So that all your costs are right there on what is called page 2, part 1.