

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and members, now, Senator Coordsen, you mentioned that there's been six projects in what time frame that have exceeded a \$100,000 in costs?

SENATOR COORDSEN: According to the information from the Nebraska Economic Development Commission, there...in the last three years six training projects were done in Nebraska which exceeded the \$100,000 limit.

SENATOR MOORE: And that is the total cost...that is the total cost. That includes...

SENATOR COORDSEN: No, no, each of these...

SENATOR MOORE: ...federal funding.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...exceeded...exceeded...I don't know that...exceeded, but the cost exceeded a \$100,000.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, until I'm proven wrong, I think what you're talking about is the total costs. I think the body needs to realize that the money we're talking about here is a \$100,000 cap per project. Now this \$100,000 can be used to leverage a variety of block grants and federal funds. And I think the six projects that you and Senator Crosby just talked about, that was the total cost of training and that included the federal funds and like. I think it's important that the body understands that this \$100,000 cap will be the most that...out of this fund that could be used to leverage those other type of money. And so...and since...it's my understanding, at least, on the usual case that is, you know, the state's share is somewhat less than 50 percent, obviously, the six you're talking about is a little misleading because that would be the total cost and that's not all that this money is intended to do. This money is intended...it's a million dollars that \$100,000 cap that's the most that we can use on one project. And I think it's important even if you do that, at the most ten they could do in a year and I think that's fair. I think it would be unwise to adopt Senator Coordsen's amendment. At the very least, you may want to bump it up \$50,000 but to remove the total cap I think is very unwise for this body to do and I think for those of you that are listening and think that, well, six of these cost over a \$100,000, it's important to point out that is just...that is the total training cost and we're talking on using the