

problem with the Department of Labor, a lot of times when they get involved in the job training programs is that they would like to have a little bit more flexibility in administering these programs. The current programs that they're involved with are basically established, the parameters are established by the federal government. I think they would like to have a million dollars with no strings attached and I just don't know if that really is in the best interest of what we're trying to do. I think the funding that's provided to the Department of Economic Development is used to try to entice businesses to come into the state, whereas the funding that Department of Labor is involved with is the day-to-day grind of helping people find employment, which I think they do an excellent job of. But I think the philosophical difference is too great to try to merge the two together. Their funding, dealing with establishing training of individuals, but the purpose of the training of these individuals is completely opposite. So I would urge the body to reject this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I haven't really heard or read anywhere about the bad job the Department of Labor is doing here. We talked earlier about jobs that were created last year, job training that was done I mean. Nobody said that it was done badly or administrated poorly. I think I don't have a lot to say here other than the fact it kind of takes something that Senator Abboud said that Department of Labor is there for job training and they just keep chugging away at doing it and I have not heard anyone say that they're doing it badly. And I think this money should go to the Department of Labor and let them continue in a job training effort until I...somebody can tell me why that we need to change and give this money to DED all of a sudden. I would support the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to oppose the amendment. Now, as Senator Morrissey mentioned there, I don't want to mislead you into thinking that this has been an ongoing program. This a million dollars actually a new shift from the contingency fund and it would allow the DED to do this. Yes, Department of Labor does administer some job training type programs with some federal funds, but to date they do nothing