

with state funds, and so it's not like this is happening right now. Well, the reason I guess I, myself, prefer to keep this in DED is the fact that the whole...when Department of Economic Development approaches an industry, it does not seem...I think they should be able to, you know, where we've sat here all day today and talked a lot about giving DED the rein to do some things. This is one where I guess it would make sense because they're the ones that are going to put the package together. And if job training is part of that package, it does not make sense they would have to go to Department of Labor, or the Department of Labor have to work with them to do that. I think DED should have the power to do that. That's why the million dollars in Department of Economic Development as opposed to Department of Labor. And, once again, I think it must be made very clear this particular money from the contingency fund is this...this is...just this year was the first year that we've decided to pull money out of this contingency fund and so this is a new funding source for all of these job training type programs. There is no precedent here. I like the precedent from here on out to be that this job training money is going to be with Department of Economic Development.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall, followed by Senator Abboud.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The...and I appreciate the fact that I'm following Senator Moore because the issue that he raises with regard to monies going toward some of the traditional purposes that DED has performed would not, through my amendment to LB 305 be changed. They would still be able to request those funds from the Department of Labor. But what we do by adopting Senator Chizek's amendment here is to strike that million dollar transfer of funds that have come from penalties and fines that have been paid by employers, some federal dollars, into the Department of Labor. Now you're going to take a million dollars, move it over here, give it to DED to, as Senator Abboud said, bring business into the state. Well, I'm not opposed to bringing business into the state, but the fact of the matter is that until the federal government said, well, look, you can spend that money for different types of things, I guess no one raised the issue and now, at this point in time, we're going to put a program together and spell it out as the Department of Economic Development Job Training Cash Fund, and take a million dollars from Department of Labor for services that are spelled out in LB 305 that they have traditionally done and transfer that to Department of Economic