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SENATOR MOORE: Excuse me?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: A question.

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SENATOR MORRISSEY: A question to you. Has the Department of Labor been doing this job badly?

SENATOR MOORE: I have no opinion on that, Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: So now we would, by doing this, we'll have state funds and federal funds doing job training, only two separate agencies doing it?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, the two separate agencies are...well, yes.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Can the DED not work with Department of Labor, like it doesn't seem they can work with the Regional Economic Development Offices?

SENATOR MOORE: That is possible, yes, not preferable in my opinion.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Okay. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members, I know we're running out of time. I'll just rise in support of the amendment. Senator Schmit I think, or somebody, told me once that DED ought to be called the Department of Economic Disaster and I think on occasion I certainly feel that way. They do some good things, but they also make some serious mistakes. Giving them additional money to spread around without a \$100,000 cap, we've already taken that off without understanding what we're doing, I think is a serious mistake. One of the concerns again is where is this money going to go. Senator Hall was Chairman of the Labor Committee. He understands the issue. I thought he made excellent points. I hope you had a chance to listen. Senator Smith was Labor Commissioner. He understands that department and understands what's happening. It seems to make sense to not change course in the middle of the stream. Makes sense to send back to the Department of Labor, where labor training has been, the money that we now find out of the Labor Department instead