

under Sections of...Section 82 may be displayed in museums, government buildings, school, hospitals, libraries, public malls, community theaters, colleges, universities, state and county fairs, city halls, courthouses and other public places; may be...may be placed on temporary loan or displayed. An effort should be made to display the art as widely throughout the state as possible. Never once in there does it say that...in 1979 do we say Kearney State College, go out and buy a museum and create a museum. Is that a fair statement?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Depending on...no I don't think that is a fair statement. I think that the statute, as you have read it, is correct. You have correctly read it, but that's not the interpretation and I believe that the Board of Trustees did give their blessing towards the purchase of that museum to do so and there is a project but I will explain that on my time and not on your time.

SENATOR MOORE: The Board of Trustees did do this, so along with the...I'm only guessing now and assuming that somewhere along the line it was said that no General Fund dollars would be used to operate it. I...do you know if that was ever said?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I don't know.

SENATOR MOORE: I don't know that either. But my question to you now is, presently, are there any General Fund dollars going for the operation of the Museum of Nebraska Art?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR MOORE: There are General Fund dollars? And what are they being used for?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Utilities, maintenance, janitorial, staffing.

SENATOR MOORE: I was pleasantly surprised you answered it that way. I didn't think you would. But, once again, something, something that the Legislature has never discussed or anything like that, it's something that's never been brought before the committee. That's something that's a decision of the college Board of Trustees. Now, the next question. You talked \$3.7 million is the total of what the goal is?