

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, Madam President, I, too, oppose this amendment. I know that Senator Wesely has probably brought it with all good intentions. I will give you a little bit of experience and I'm calling from memory, but my...the Central Community College from home had about two years experience on this and so on before they knew exactly where they were coming from or going and they have every three months and they have about 125 percent and it has saved them a considerable amount of money, in fact, about \$2,000 a year, being able to self-insure and have had nothing but success with it. And I know that Senator Wesely, good intentions on the amendment, but I don't feel the amendment is necessary and, in fact, I'm not sure the Insurance Department has that much time to review that many subdivisions. Could be several thousand that would take advantage of this. So I would hope that you would reject the Wesely amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, if Senator Wesely would yield to a question. As Senator Wesely works his way to the chair, I think he probably can guess what I'm going to ask him. Senator Nelson had mentioned there in the closing of her speech about the impact on the Department of Insurance and if, indeed, this amendment was adopted, wouldn't there be a considerable workload in the department? Obviously, that would entail an A bill. Probably be cash funded I guess, but do you have any comments on that, I guess, Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WESELY: I've been told by the Fiscal Office that there would be a staffing requirement in the fiscal impact and there would need to be an A bill, yes.

SENATOR MOORE: Have you given any thought on what that staffing requirement might be? I mean, is your intent...

SENATOR WESELY: It's hard to judge since we don't know how many self-funded plans would fall under this, so it'd be a guess. I don't know.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay. Well, this bill does not have an A bill at this time. If Senator Wesely's amendment was adopted, even though it'd probably be a cash A bill, it's still an A bill and so "for what it's worth" department.