

Department of Labor within the department and it allows the continuation of the ability of the Appropriations Committee to transfer money from this fund in reasonable and prudent amounts to the community colleges for the purposes of job training. So, with that, I would encourage the adoption of 562 as amended.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I apologize to Senator Coordsen. I haven't been able to follow all the discussion. I...will this make it more difficult to provide job training resources? Do you see it as more of a process question or...? Obviously, there's a lot of interest in how we, in economic development on job training funds and I'm just wondering, it won't...what you're telling me, it sounds like, is that we can still proceed. It's just a procedural change you're looking at, is that...?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, actually, it is a method of preventing the accumulation of large sums of money in the Contingency Fund and using it for projects that may or may not be related to job training.

SENATOR WESELY: Oh really.

SENATOR COORDSEN: It basically would...it, number one, it caps the Contingency Fund at 1 million dollars. It allows for job training monies to be taken from that fund by the Appropriations Committee and given to the community technical colleges for job training related purposes, and it retains, for the Department of Labor, the ability to use those funds, through, with the Governor's approval, through the appropriations process, the same uses that they have used it for over the years, all of which are allowable under federal guidelines. There really are no federal guidelines. This is strictly a state use. It's my opinion that it is a better use of the funds based upon their source to be restricted to job training and enhancement of the Unemployment Trust Fund rather than the most recent economic development appropriation. I think that it scatters our job training funds to the extent that we don't get, quote, unquote, "the bang for the buck" that we might expect. I don't think it's going to provide any restriction on the expenditure for job training, which are necessary.

SENATOR WESELY: Well, will the 1 million dollar cap, for