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instance let's say we need job training for whatever purpose in an amount in excess of a million dollars. Will that no longer be possible to use this money for that purpose?

SENATOR COORDSEN: It would...see, the money currently, last fiscal year accumulated about 600,000 dollars...

SENATOR WESELY: So...

SENATOR COORDSEN: ..so, essentially, you would have 1,600,000 dollars available for all purposes. It's just that if you don't cap at some point in time it gets to be a significant sum of money that is tempting to use for something else, given legislative approval of course. That's always part of the mix, but....

SENATOR WESELY: Let me ask. You've made a statement that you were not pleased or at least not satisfied with some of the uses of the money recently. Do you have any specific example? I'm not familiar with that.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, the...there was a million dollars appropriated to the Department of Economic Development. It is my understanding, repeat, my understanding that most of that money is still in account, so to speak, at Department of Economic Development, in fact hasn't been wasted but it hasn't really been used for job training or economic development related activity.

SENATOR WESELY: So...

SENATOR COORDSEN: This bill does not take that money away from the Department of Economic Development. They retain that money. It does not lapse.

SENATOR WESELY: I see.

SENATOR COORDSEN: But the community colleges have been making, I think, more effective use of all of the job training funds that have been issued to them and this retains for them not a specific amount of money but the ability for the Appropriations Committee to use whatever might be available.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, well, I understand your intent and it is a noble one. I just want to be sure...