

possibly helping that rural resident with a reverse osmosis type system. I guess it would depend possibly on affecting certain farming practices possibly, if the problem is nitrates or chemical problems from farming, if that's identified as the point source, possibly altering certain farming practices would be a...a possibility. Those are...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Would they...

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...some that come to mind at least.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Would you...would you envision a schedule where they would test all the wells in the county over a certain period of time. I don't...I...

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: It would depend on the NRD and how far they want to go with the program.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah. I guess...I guess that leads me to the next question. What kind of proliferation of employees would we have with the NRD in a situation like this?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, again, it would depend on how active or how much of a role the NRD wants to play...individual entities want to play in the program. I...I can't give you a specific amount of how many people they might want to hire or new personnel that they would bring on line. It would depend on what they have on staff today, whether they could handle that within the duties that they're doing now. They do a number of...I know in...in at least one NRD that is in my district, they are doing wells testing right now, so they may have the personnel necessary to...to do that now. But that may not be the case for every NRD.

SENATOR ROBINSON: They could not...could they go out and do this if we pass this bill...without any funding?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well they...yeah, they could probably do it now.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Where'd...where would the money come from?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well right now, I'm assuming it's coming out of their...their budget that they have, which comes from property taxes.