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say they still want statutory recognition because the statutory recognition is necessary when they...when they're talking about applying for some federal grants and working with the Department of Economic Development. So this really just puts into statute the existence of these nine regional development districts across the state. I would be happy to answer any questions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President and members, I think Senator Baack answered most of my questions but a couple. You mentioned the bill mentions the governor shall designate an agency, and that, in your opinion is going to be DED from your comments or...

SENATOR BAACK: (inaudible).

SENATOR MOORE: If Senator Baack's mike can...the answer to that was yes, and then...if you believe me or not, but...

SENATOR BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Secondly, I'm assuming that the bill as written...that DED, if they so choose, still could get financial support. Is that a may that they have the statutory authority if there was funding available they could do that then?

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Senator Moore, they could do that.

SENATOR MOORE: Also, then lastly, the bill as drafted then at a...at a later time if for whatever reason you or some other advocate of these planning agencies wanted to, they come through the appropriations process and request funds?

SENATOR BAACK: That's absolutely correct because it sets into statute, it says, if funding is available they can do this, but they would have to come and go before the Appropriations Committee and prove their worth and to get monies in the future. There were...there would be no automatic designation of monies for these...for these entities.

SENATOR MOORE: And for this re...the reason...the basic reason for this bill that does nothing, costs nothing, harms no one, is basically to allow for application of federal grants.