

talking about either the loans or the grants, to me, need to be, there needs to be local involvement in either of those, you know, whether it's a loan or a grant, either one, the local community needs to be involved so I would not want to see either directly or indirectly taken out of that phrase. My other comment had to do with a grant being mischaracterized as an outright payout of some kind, a cash infusion to accompany because that I think would be unlawful and it is not current practice and wouldn't be a part of any program that the commission that's outlined in this bill would be a party of.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then, Senator Maurstad, what would the term grant mean?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: A grant would be in the context of economic development projects in the state. A grant, as I indicated in my comments, would be funding to the project for a street or a road to the project that might not be there now, we might have an economic development park that does not have access and so for community benefit and for the benefit of the particular company, that road might be hard surfaced if it not. It might be providing a grant to the local community or area because it doesn't necessarily need to be just a city, to provide electrical service, a grant for the electrical service, so it provides and is generally used to provide infrastructure needs that are necessary...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...if a new business goes into that area.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, Senator Maurstad, where is there any language which says that grants under this program which is being created under this enhancement fund are limited to the types of things that you just mentioned?

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Well, and I, as I...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm not trying to be argumentative.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: No, I appreciate the opportunity to respond because I am basing that upon my belief that that kind of direct cash payment to a business would be unlawful under our state Constitution.