

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...to use it and have it in-house instead of going outside. It's just that we don't want to turn into a permanent full-time employee.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I can see...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And that's why we are making the restrictions on this to get us through this year and then to be sure it is better managed into the future.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah, I can see the example of the year and then laying them off for a couple of weeks. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, Senator Wehrbein, this seems like a reasonable approach what you're doing to look at the situation. Has it been growing? I missed the first part.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, it has, it has been growing in the last...

SENATOR HARTNETT: And another thing as I look in the bill book, there's no, you know, who testified for it or anything. There's just no committee statement. I guess I don't have one. Maybe there is one so I just was curious how your committee voted. Did you all vote in favor of it? You know, that's not there. I guess, you know, normally when we have bills reported there's a committee statement, there's, you know, maybe you have one that I don't.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That is true. I have the vote here. I may have erred in not having...

SENATOR HARTNETT: I guess more curious as I look at the...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It was a committee vote, the vote was 7 to 1 and Senator Hillman was absent.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah. Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Pedersen followed by Senators Chambers, Vrtiska, Crosby, and Cudaback.