

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...cent on each \$100 of assessed valuation"...one-half, which may be levied for purposes of this section under 79-2210 may used to connect telecomputing equipment", et cetera. I'm not sure I understand how that works, Senator, and I'm really just asking what was...how that does work. Under 79-2210 the ESU's have a what, 3.5 cent...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well it would be five-tenth of one percent, what they can use for...I think it's three cents, I think, in addition to this.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I'm not understanding this section because I don't understand what the limit...what the current limitation is on ESU's in terms of using them...their present authority for this purpose. What is the limitation?

SENATOR ROBINSON: One-half of one cent.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is that in statute somewhere?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yes, we passed it and you and I probably voted for it in 1993.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Probably.

SENATOR ROBINSON: LB 542 and LB 348.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, and that's now in 79-2210?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Now, it says may, they may do that, it doesn't mean that...it doesn't mean they shall do that, that's up to the ESU.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so this is not authorizing any additional levy on their part, but...

SENATOR ROBINSON: No, no.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...merely saying...

SENATOR ROBINSON: No, it's just...