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need this cash fund for that. The other thing that it does, it will allow the commission to set up penalty fees. Right now, there are no fee charges for distance learning. They're included. I believe, in the tuition fees but they are also looking at different institutions that perhaps could what they call overbooking. They could get some time on the system, cancel at the last minute, and they're looking at setting up some type of a penalty fee for doing that because it does take up time when someone else perhaps would want it. With that, I would be happy to ask or in...answer any of your questions. Otherwise, I would appreciate your support in advancing LB 89.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Chambers. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, I would just encourage adoption of this bill. It's another way to be sure that we have funds properly accounted for and have a fund accordingly so I would encourage your support of this bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I'd ask a question of Senator Hillman or Senator Wehrbein, either one of them, please.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Obviously, I'm in support of this because I think it's an important. I guess the only question I had is I noticed you're setting up a estimated \$50,000 annually for the next...I guess next biennium, but after that, is it the intention, by reading the fiscal note, that there will be a charge that will offset some of that front General Fund money? Is that the way it's set up?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Senator Vrtiska, the \$50,000 is not General Fund money. It's an estimate on perhaps what might be some pass-through funds so it gives them the authority to spend \$50,000, but it's cash funds. It's not General Funds.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Oh, okay. Well, I guess my...the reason I was asking the question, I noted in here from the Board of Trustees