

Senator Bromm a question, please.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Yes, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, I really don't understand this issue as much as I would like to. I would like to ask you if these...this body does not...if they do not spend the dollars in question, is there any way that they...and they are not transferred, and say we make them return the funds to us, or to our General Fund, is there any way that they can spend those dollars prior to being transferred to us, in other words, in the same year? And you might add the word foolishly or not efficiently or whatever.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Cudaback, I'm going to give my answer but I'm going to let Senator Wehrbein explain it more clearly. My impression is that that isn't the way it works, that just simply reduces the appropriation for them by \$2.8 million. So they don't really...they don't really return the money to us because they're not getting it. We don't expect them to have to spend that much because of vacancies that will occur, so we're just not appropriating that much. The other aspect of this is and, Senator, I don't want to take your time, but...

SENATOR CUDABACK: No, that's fine.

SENATOR BROMM: ...Senator Wehrbein might comment on it. I think there's already a 1 percent vacancy savings built into their budget which is separate from this \$2.8 million, there's already a vacancy savings amount in there but I would let him more clearly explain it or answer your question, if you would like.

SENATOR CUDABACK: So you might be saying they would not have this money to spend, I mean...

SENATOR BROMM: That's my...

SENATOR CUDABACK: It would not be allocated to...

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Wehrbein is nodding his head, yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein.