

SENATOR PEDERSEN: That is staffed. There is a half-time director, and there is a commission, and there is, I think, a full-time secretary, and that is under the Department of Revenue.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Now to refresh in my mind, again, what is this \$50,000 for that you wish to use?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: This \$50,000 is to...we are raising it from the present amount, and right now there is not a limit on what they can spend for administration. There is a certain amount there until they've raised so much money. This is still keeping a limit on how much they can spend. We are looking for more because we are going to move them from the Department of Revenue, which is not their mission for counseling anyway, under the Department of Institutions, changing the name of the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse under the DPI to the Division of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse, and Addiction Disorders. Besides keeping the same commission, they will have the director. They will have a staff, and then they are going to have to have a couple more people because we are adding the certification criteria and then the ongoing certification of compulsive gambling counselors in this state. We do not have any certification criteria under state statute now for compulsive gambling counselors.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Eleven members of the advisory board, I believe, they get no salary but they get...

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Per diem.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...they get their expenses. You wouldn't have any idea how much money that's amounted to since the program has been created?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: I don't have that right with me, but I could get it for you. It does add up, it's...it is not the big part of the expense.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, the problem I...and I understand where you are coming from, and I certainly do appreciate your interest in the area, Senator Pedersen, but it appears to me, and Senator Crosby raised the warning flag, that we are, in fact, on the threshold of creating an entity that has a very good potential