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SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Madam Chairman, members of the body. Senator Wehrbein, could I ask you...I'm sorry, I see you're on the phone, a question...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WITEK: ...on the appropriations for this concept? I apologize.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR WITEK: I know you're a busy guy. If we go ahead with this concept and adopt this concept, do we intend to raise the personal service limits for all of these agencies?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No.

SENATOR WITEK: So if we're not raising the personal service limits for all these agencies, but we're doubling the amount of individuals that they can hire in these exempt positions, will they have to find...will they have to cut their budgets in some other area to pay for any increase in salary of those individuals above and beyond what they have?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It would have to be coming out of some other part of their budget in order to stay under their PSL. yes.

SENATOR WITEK: So they'll have to cut their budget or personnel...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Reallocate would be probably the more correct term, yes.

SENATOR WITEK: Would they reallocate out of services, or out of people? I mean would they cut people...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I would say it could come from any way, as long...whatever it took to stay under their PSL.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay. So the agency directors make that decision on where to cut their budget, to allow for that increase in salary for these persons.