

SENATOR LINDSAY: Right.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...continue to do all of the research that they do for the members of the body currently.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Right, and that A bill will be, it's matched two-to-one with federal funds, so it's...it will be \$9,000 of state funds and 18,000 federal funds.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, I...I guess I have to say, Senator Lindsay, that I don't object to the intent of this. I'm a little bit nervous in putting the Legislative Research Division into the type of situation that I don't believe they've really been exposed to in the past, although the ultimate decision does come through the...

SENATOR LINDSAY: Right.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...through the Legis...through the Judiciary Committee and the body of the Legislature.

SENATOR LINDSAY: And the public input is at the legislative level, not at LRD. LRD, I think, is very equipped to do the economics, research, that kind of stuff, along with our consultant, to do that kind of thing. What they're going to do is provide information then to the committee, which will have the public hearings. So that input is going to be coming through the Legislature, through those of us who are used to that type of public input.

SENATOR COORDSEN: And the input now, in our off-the-mike conversation you indicated that generally these type of guidelines are put together by surveying what is generally the guidelines in other states and trying to keep Nebraska in alignment with them. Would that be an accurate statement?

SENATOR LINDSAY: That's part of it, along with the cost-of-living adjustments and a variety of things that determine what it costs to raise a child.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Um-hum. Thank you, Senator Lindsay.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Your light was on next, did you need additional time? Senator Bromm.