

necessity to meet the current and future projections. I just wondered how this all fits together. Are we going to go ahead with these other...with these other projects of building the space before we get the study, or how's it going to work?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, the way the current situation is now, with the two modular units we have, the 200-bed units, I consider those somewhat of an emergency situation that we need to meet the present housing for those that we have here for our expanding prison population. This study looks ahead. Now, we do have 350,000 in presently to look at intense planning for another unit, but there's no money or authorization at this point to proceed with any expanded prison, and...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, the only...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...so we have...that will be next year when this is supposed to come in with next year's proposed budget.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Oh, it's supposed to be coming in by next year.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Reason I...reason I pose the question is the other day you were talking about the possibility of moving ahead to build a 60 million dollar, or whatever the figure was, permanent prison and I wondered is this study going to be completed before we actually get into the discussion on financing that kind...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, the I interpret it, it is because it's supposed to include a detailed report regarding increasing number of incarcerated adults with its 1997-1999 biennial budget request. Now that is already started in the works. It will be submitted this fall. Appropriations Committee will have it in already in December and for sure in January, February.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay. I just wanted to...I just wanted to clarify how that fit together with the discussion we've been having and now this. I certainly have no problem with this. I just wondered if we were, in fact, going to wait on the movement on a permanent facility until this study's complete, and you indicated it'd be by next year some time. Is that correct?