

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, actually, at our present status that's exactly what will happen. This study will be ahead of a final go ahead for a...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ..proposed unit.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay. I appreciate that. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I'm not opposed to getting information, although I think all of this information that we've requested is available, maybe not in one place, but I always think that information is good when you're making decisions, but I think all this information is available just about at this time. And I guess I would also like to see, if we do decide to do this type of a study, I've always thought that if you hold an individual in a facility longer, and this will be for Senator Chambers so his...he can get back his righteous indignation back, if you hold an individual in a facility for a longer period of time somebody who has a long record and has probably a higher chance of committing another crime if they're back out on the street and you keep them for a longer period of time, I think there are other costs that you have not incurred by keeping that individual in prison. So if we're just going to look at the costs of keeping an individual within a prison, and I'm sure it will come out in some of this that we've kept some of these individuals in prison for longer periods of time due to some of the changes on the truth in sentencing that I was very happy to see done here in the state of Nebraska and I know Senator Lindsay, who first put in this amendment, was not happy at all to see that done and I know that's part of the reason for him to get at and what he wants to see show up in this...in this plan that we're going to get or this detailed information from the Department of Corrections, that he would like to see some growth in the adult prison population. But I'm not sure that truth in sentencing will show a growth in the prison population so much as the length of time has been extended for those individuals who have committed a crime. I also think that if we're going to show that, that we should show the costs to society that have