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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. It's...it's my feeling that...and I haven't asked the person who's the executive director, but it's my feeling that you're going to somewhat cripple the agency. I don't necessarily mean that you're going to send it out of existence, but there will be at least \$150,000 there that they won't have to operate on because there's the state funding, and then there's the federal match. But I don't think that will necessarily be the death blow for this particular entity.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, you know, it's interesting, because I think in reality this is typical of many programs that the federal government has. And we've continued to provide our share simply because the agency that has the funding for these types of programs has that budget, and it's another case of if we don't take it, somebody else will in most cases. And that's why many times we're driven to provide our share of funding, either through contributions or through state match, in order to access those federal dollars. And I think that's typical of many things that we do in government in order to get what we consider those free dollars from Washington. Whether that's good or bad is not for me to judge, except that the programs obviously are good. The only final comment that I have to make, and I guess I've been at odds about this since this bill came out, and that is, is it necessary to put this in the statute, or can it be continued by executive order? If it can be continued by executive order, then I guess I wouldn't have a problem with that being the direction we would go rather than put it in statute and make another commission that we have to deal with. And I agree that we don't necessarily need the oversight of the Legislature. If these programs are providing a service to the people, then the people will indicate the value, and the contributions that come in by other agencies and other groups will make up at least a certain share of the necessary match funds in order to keep these programs in place. It's interesting that if this program, as most of us have agreed, is valuable, it provides a great deal of service to a lot of agencies around the state. And it's interesting that there aren't enough volunteer dollars in order to keep it going without going to the so-called till of the state in order to provide that. I understand why that's important in some aspects, as Senator Janssen pointed out, to show that we do have