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would have that I've been interested in for some time but I've never had an opportunity to explore but it also relates to this particular question, is the question of the economies of scale of correctional institutions, secure institutions.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I mean, if you're building a facility for 60 people, is it a lot cheaper to build one for 120 people once you get into the construction mode? Are there certain economies of scale, or is a facility for 60 the same price per...per client as a facility for 120 or 200 or 500? And, of course, those two questions become related in the sense that if these kids are going to adult institutions right now I would be interested in knowing that and then, perhaps in my own mind, being able to make some comparison between the cost of corrections in different places and...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Madam President, I'd yield to Senator Wehrbein, if he wants the time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam Speaker and members, I'm going to go back a little bit. I've had some questions on the real issue on the dollars on my original bill, so you're under...so you're clear, and also with Senator Thompson's amendment and the impact. I had used...we normally used one cent of cigarette tax raising \$1.3 million. Three cents is \$3.9 million, times 3 years is \$11.7 million. That's the potential in this bill. Now if you go back to my original LB 683 and the reason I introduced it is to hold the cigarette tax harmless, those commitments, actually, harmless, it's on the back of your pink sheet, we estimate the cost to the General Fund of, because of declining, potentially declining cigarette tax, cigarette revenue, because of the increased tax or declining consumption, whichever, as a \$232,000 loss, '99-2000, and a \$559,000 loss in the year 2000-2001. That means General Funds would have to make up those. So you could consider the impact of this bill is potentially nearly \$700,000 to the General Fund because of the