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SENATOR PREISTER: And approximately 200 young people will be going through the program in one year.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR PREISTER: Is that...that's also correct. That would amount to about fifteen and a half thousand dollars a year per person, if my math is accurate.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's right, for 90-day. Remember, we're paying for the 90 days...

SENATOR PREISTER: And...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...and that's the fifteen and a half thousand. You take that times 200 and then times 5 years...or...yeah, and actually 200 times \$15,000 would be what you would come up with, \$3.1 million per year.

SENATOR PREISTER: And \$15,000 is not necessarily a bad amount of money to spend on helping to turn lives around. I'm not so much questioning that. I guess I'm looking at if we invested that kind of money up-front in prevention, in organizations like Girls, Inc., and Boys and Girls Clubs and some of those agencies that help to intervene before the young person gets into the system, that perhaps that's an alternative that maybe we could explore as we're looking comprehensively at what we do to help to turn some lives around or maybe to keep them from getting in the system in the first place. I'm not real sure about the Brown program because I don't really understand it and the information that I have tends to come from them, which could be good and could be valid. At this point, I tend to think, too, that we need to look comprehensively at what is being done with young people and to have more information from more sources in making some decisions on what is in the best interest of all of our children. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Preister. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.