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but the state inspection would be more for the smaller plants, those plants that want to get into the business of selling products or even moving stuff across state lines. I don't think...I think the federal inspection will always be present at our...the large packing plants.

SENATOR JANSSEN: So they could, those small processors that are...are asking for the on-site inspection now from...from the federal inspectors could continue to do so.

SENATOR DIERKS: I think they could, but I think that probably the thrust would be to provide the same quality inspection at the state level.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Um-hum. And we would...we would get a 50 percent reimbursement from the federal government, is that right?

SENATOR DIERKS: I'm not sure how that reimbursement works. I think that there's...there's some money...funds that come from the federal government to help with the program, but much of it has to come from the state.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Just right off the top of your head, what would you say a feasible percentage would be in order for it to be...in order for us to proceed with...with the legislation after the study? Would you...would you want to see over 50 percent of those plants using a state inspector rather than a federal inspector?

SENATOR DIERKS: You know, I guess I'm not sure exactly what you're asking me. I...

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, I mean to make it so that it would be feasible. How would we determine whether it would be feasible or not?

SENATOR DIERKS: I think the study would tell us whether it's going to work or not; not depending on the number of slaughterhouses that want it, but I think just on whether it's going to be working wherever we have it.