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SENATOR JENSEN: The only thing I could say, it was part of that discussion that was carried on between the department, and they certainly have been informed of this. Now they are one of those that was on an annual fee that we wanted...would like to get up to a two-year fee also. But I cannot answer that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is there any reason that you know of why they couldn't be treated the same?

SENATOR JENSEN: Not that I know of, no.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. I plan to look into the remaining \$67,000 of General Funds and talk to you about it if we could, but there are probably a couple of ways of handling it. One would be to have somebody else pay those fees as opposed to the licensed persons in some cases or, since we're talking about just \$67,000 compared to \$3.7 million that is already being spent, Cash Funds that is from licensing fees, that which is being general funded, I guess my question would be, and I understand you don't have the answer today, but that small amount that is being general funded, would it be too unfair to simply allocate that, those amounts, over the other totality of 120-some licensing operations so that bottom line is it's all cash funded?

SENATOR JENSEN: To me personally, I would have no problem with that. I think you can probably recall at one time the state was funding well over a quarter of a million dollars to subsidize fees, and we had made some adjustments in that, and some of that, of course we had adjusted fees also for hospitals, nursing homes, and so on and so forth. That's part of that process. But it has certainly been the direction of the department to make this cash neutral and not go back to the Legislature for General Funds for those fees. And in answer to your question, I would like to see that happen, that it be neutral; that we not be looking for taxpayers to subsidize a fee for a professional.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right. Well, thank you, Senator, for bringing forth the bill.