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certainly more than double in every one of these cases. And \$47 per hour is a sizeable increase to the people being inspected. I'm going to have to think about that portion of it. And perhaps discussion will bring out the rationale for that. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Smith, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Madam Chair, members. If Senator Cudaback would yield to some questions?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Cudaback, will you yield?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I will.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Cudaback, I appreciate the need and intent of the bill. Can you tell me, is the Electrical Board cash funded, General Fund, combination?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yeah, it's cash funded.

SENATOR SMITH: It is cash funded.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Entirely?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: So conceivably, the State Electrical Board, because they're cash funded with the current cash funds, they may not even need to take a cut, because they're not General Funded. Is that correct?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Uh-huh. Good point.

SENATOR SMITH: And so conceivably as well, they could be even growing more, because I see that most of these fees, I think minimum double, and some of them are triple and more. Is that accurate?