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one of my concerns. And I can yield you the remainder of my time if you want to answer this. On page 3, it talks about how on July 1 the Treasurer shall transfer \$200,000 to the Centralized Receipt and Distribution Fund. And then a year and a few months later, they'll transfer another \$500,000 to the Centralized Receipt and Distribution Fund. So my question is this, is we're going to be transferring \$700,000 to carry out this program, and what if, during the initial, optional phase, it shows that it's not effective? And this kind of goes to Senator Combs' question about what's the harm. Well, in a...to a certain extent she's right. But then to another...on the other hand, if it doesn't work out, the state is poorer by \$700,000 for a program that didn't quite work.

SENATOR BROWN: The \$200,000 that's transferred is for the leasing back of equipment from the centralized...redundant equipment from the centralized child support, and for software development so that the information can be transmitted automatically. The \$500,000 is for the purchase of additional equipment that automatically opens and scans and does the transmittal.

SENATOR BOURNE: So are both of these transfers during the optional period? Or is the first transfer the optional period and then the \$500,000 is during its permanency?

SENATOR BROWN: Right.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. Well,...

SENATOR BROWN: So in order to justify this kind of outlay, you really do need the participation of a number of agencies. And that's...I mean, the tightrope we walk is, how much do we have to compel agencies to participate?

SENATOR BOURNE: Great.

SENATOR BROWN: And so in the first phase, we don't want to compel agencies. But in order to make it really work, I think you do have to have pretty much everybody participating.