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SENATOR ENGEL: That's the operation of the Legislature's...

SENATOR SMITH: And what...what percent...

SENATOR ENGEL: ...and that's everything.

SENATOR SMITH: What?

SENATOR ENGEL: That's everything. Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: And what percent of that is legislative staff?

SENATOR ENGEL: That's what I'm getting the exact figures for right now. So I don't have that at my...but I'll have it for you before...

SENATOR SMITH: Okay.

SENATOR ENGEL: ...say, about...it's 85 percent.

SENATOR SMITH: Eight-five percent of the \$14.4 million is legislative staff?

SENATOR ENGEL: Is that correct? That's...

SENATOR SMITH: And with a cut of, I guess, in the first year of the biennium, \$480,000, that's roughly half of the legislative staff, as indicated?

SENATOR ENGEL: Well, evidently I spoke out of turn here, because I didn't have those figures in front of me. So no it would not be that many...that much. And I'll get that figure for you too. How much...how many staff would this cut? About 50...about 20 staff members.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR ENGEL: I'm sorry. I'm sorry about the...

SENATOR SMITH: That's all right. Thank you, Senator Engel. I believe that it's important as the legislative branch of