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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Cunningham, will you yield?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Yes, I would.

SENATOR LOUDEN: If you cut these benefits from 13 to 10 weeks on certain instances, how much money does that save? Do you know offhand about how much money that would save the fund?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: If you went from 13 to 10?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yeah, on that where if they leave...whatever that one...in Section 10 there, where they would leave.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Oh, I see. If we go from 7 to 10, to the 13 that we're proposing?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yeah, right. Okay.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: About \$4.7 million.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay. Now, on that same category or that same line of thinking, how much for the people that are receiving benefits, how much could...would that increase their benefits a week if that money was used to increase the benefits for the people that are honestly using the fund? Is...has anybody calculated that out to see if that would be a significant increase in weekly benefits?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: No, I've not heard of any of those calculations, Senator.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay. I guess...I don't know if it would be...how much, I guess, how much a year do you pay out in benefits from the fund?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: I believe it's around \$120 million,...

SENATOR LOUDEN: A year.