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Health and Human Services, because we've modified some of the things that we've asked them to provide, and maybe limited our language a little bit more. So it's my understanding that Health and Human Services--and Senator Jensen can probably step up and give you a more accurate reading on what's going on over there--but they have told me and members of the Legislature that it will not have the \$1.5 million fiscal note attached to it to set that system up.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Senator Flood. I'd like to ask Senator Jensen to approach the microphone and verify what we're talking about here in connection with the fiscal note on this incorporation of LB 618 into LB 551.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, would you respond?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, I would. And Senator Pederson, have you moved from a baritone to a bass?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: I...it may even go lower than that soon.

SENATOR JENSEN: Oh, very good.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: But Senator Flood has given me drugs, so...called Advil Sinus and something else. Hopefully I'm better.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yeah. Certainly. And Senator Flood is exactly We didn't take all of LB 618. We did not take in the the bill \$4 million a year that was in to community-based services. And then the tracking system, we already have a tracking system started. So that \$1.5 million is not necessary. And just today, we again went back to Health and Human Services, and they said, no, there will be no fiscal expense there. Now, we still do have this \$175,000 perhaps on entering into a contract with someone to maximize Medicaid. That is one thing that between now and Select File Senator Flood and I would like to examine, to see if there is another way of doing that, and if there are other funds out there, so that when we get to Select File, hopefully we can also zero that portion But at this point in time, that \$175,000 for contracting