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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I wouldn't try to do it right here because I would want it to be properly drafted. I had told you that I want to take some time with your bill and I'm going to. But I don't want to just take time, I want to get a clear understanding and a picture of what we have here. On page 2 of your new amendment, the one we have now, is the part that would require the State Treasurer to transfer this money from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to the Behavioral Health Services Fund. Is this the \$2 million that had been discussed by others that was sitting someplace and not used?

SENATOR REDFIELD: Yes. That is this current year's appropriation that is sitting there that we want to make sure we get out and servicing people that need it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that money then currently reposing in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund but it's been authorized to be spent only by that other Department of Economic Development? Is that what the problem is?

SENATOR REDFIELD: The Affordable Housing Trust Fund is housed at DED, but within that Affordable Housing Trust Fund, through the appropriations process, we set aside \$2 million a year and this is that \$2 million.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And when that money was set aside, it was supposed to be spent...

SENATOR REDFIELD: For rental...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...by DED?

SENATOR REDFIELD: For rental assistance, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And now it's going to go to the Behavioral Health Services Fund for that purpose?

SENATOR REDFIELD: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who is on the board, or whatever the governing body is, of the Behavioral Health Services Fund?