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SENATOR BEUTLER: Are the funds in that program ongoing now?

SENATOR ENGEL: And those are ongoing now, yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And we're putting in short-term funds just for a couple of years.

SENATOR ENGEL: Short...right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And if this program is really needed at that level for ongoing business incentive, why do we end it at two years when all of our other incentive programs are ongoing and seem...and it seemed to be appropriate that they be general funded?

SENATOR ENGEL: Well, one thing about using the money out of the Cash Reserve, it does two things. One thing, it's not spent for something else. Secondly, for two years it's there and if it is utilized, it's utilized for the purpose we're taking it out of there for, then we've brought someone in. If it's not utilized, it goes back in the Cash Reserve Fund and we'll have to deal with it later as far as making it permanent.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Can the funds be used directly, to be given to businesses directly, to do their own training?

SENATOR ENGEL: That is...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR ENGEL: Pardon?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR ENGEL: Oh, one. Okay. That is part...that is part of the...part of the bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Or it can go to the community colleges for training?

SENATOR ENGEL: Yes.