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SENATOR ENGEL: This is always...this is already going into the department of DED. We've already set up in statute what they do, so it's not like we're not putting it into somebody we trust, because we've already given them that trust. Now we're just giving them the money to go along with it.

SENATOR PREISTER: But this is a whole lot more money and it sounds like we're giving them more money for more latitude. And maybe we don't have enough requirements in place currently. You're raising the issue, which I think is a good thing, and that's why I think this discussion is helpful. So I hope that we have enough safeguards built in that this money is going in the most cost-effective, the best possible way of providing the job training, which I would agree with you we do need to provide, but I want to make sure we're doing it in the most cost-effective way and not replicating services and utilizing those existing facilities, services, schools,...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...that we have currently available. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senators Preister and Engel. Senator Louden, your light is next.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. LB 716, when it was in committee, I was somewhat dubious about it, and my mind hasn't changed yet. When it was done as a bill, it looked like to me that part of it should have been deleted out of it, because in Section 3 of that LB 716 bill, why, we have the Advantage Nebraska Workforce Training Institute, and that's mentioned in there. But then, when you get into Section 5, it gives them the authority to work with the, not only technical schools and community colleges and all, but then you get to use Nebraska employers. And sometimes when you're putting money out like this to have Nebraska employers train their own people, I'm kind of wondering if this is what we should be doing. A lot of times these areas like that, they train their own people and then the state picks up part of the cost of their labor bill and, consequently, actually what the