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these cemeteries.

SENATOR RAIKES: Well, I understand that the...there's a requirement that the state put up money which is, as I understand, to be reimbursed in order to get the 10 percent match so that the cemetery can be constructed. But my understanding, and correct me, was that this last paragraph deals with expenses for operating the cemeteries, which would be, as I read this, an obligation of the state's General Fund.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, yeah, it...I guess you can say it would be an obligation in there someplace along the line. But if you read the rest of it, it said, you know, where they could...it could be reduced. And that's what...like I say, that's what the endowment fund is all about, is for the maintenance of these cemeteries. When Senator Hartnett and I worked on this, we envisioned that we could raise enough money and probably with the endowment fund and the money that we get back from the construction of the cemeteries, that would cut the operating expenses considerably with it. And of course, like the city of Alliance and Box Butte County have already agreed to certain amount of the maintenance out there, so that would cut it down even farther. And whether any more cemeteries are built in the future, and the local municipalities or whoever, or counties, decide with...to help with some of the maintenance, why, it would cut that down there farther. I think that \$490,000 is something that the Fiscal Office had to put in there that that was probably an outside number, a top number.

SENATOR RAIKES: Is it the case that now there's any General Fund money being used for the operation of state veteran cemeteries?

SENATOR LOUDEN: You say is there any being used now?

SENATOR RAIKES: Right. Yes.

SENATOR LOUDEN: I don't think there's any state cemeteries in operation now.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. So to the extent these are constructed