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church out there, Senator Baker, and wire your elevator. I don't think you want me to do that. I think you would want someone that has competency, has a demonstrated competency in this work. After all, we're talking about riding in elevators. You get in an elevator, you get on the 22nd floor of a building, the 5th floor of a building, you are literally putting your life in the craftsmanship of that licensed mechanic. So, yeah, we're going to...we're going to instill and we're going to promote licensure for these mechanics so that we can be guaranteed a certain level of competency when they come to our places of employment and our places of worship to install these things. Senator Baker also kept speaking of personal residence. Again, I'll emphasize, personal chairlifts, personal wheelchair lifts are not within the purview of this bill. They're taken out. There's no jurisdiction over them. Again, Senator Baker, I did that reluctantly. After all, this is a safety bill, and I did that reluctantly. But in the spirit of compromise, they have been taken out of the bill. This also, I want to speak to this cost issue.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Everybody is saying it's going to cost more, it's going to cost more. Well, LB 489, the underlying bill, it's going to cost you more. But with this amendment, you're going to have additional streams of income to this fund. You're going to have your certification stream; you're going to have the mechanics that are applying for licensure donate or place money in this fund; fines for failure to abide by the processes and procedures laid out in the bill and by the act will be...will put money to reimburse the fund. Right now, the only sustenance that we have in our license inspecting fee, our fund, is from inspection fees--one stream. One stream of funds goes to that fund right now, and what this bill does is significantly expand the funding streams to this fund so that it could be well-funded, so that they don't have to come to the Legislature every two or three years and ask for more and more and more...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.