

the process of trying to get that amendment prepared. So we will probably offer that on Select File.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to ask a question of Senator Peterson, please.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Dick Peterson, please.

SENATOR PETERSON: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Peterson, I can only see \$24,690 spoken to in the fiscal note, but you mentioned something about \$80,000, the cost of the program, is that cost presently in the Department of Agriculture?

SENATOR PETERSON: In the past I think the General Fund budget has run around 84,000, I think a year ago, and so this would reduce that from about 84,000. You take 24,000 off, the General Fund budget I think now is around 60,000.

SENATOR SMITH: And what does the 84,000 do presently?

SENATOR PETERSON: The 84,000 now?

SENATOR SMITH: What is that money utilized for?

SENATOR PETERSON: This is to run...the one man who is the State Entomologist over in the Department of Ag for his salary and his trips out, inspection and testing the bees and also in the summer there is two or three part-time employees. And so about, I would guess about, oh, maybe 20,000 of that would be used for those part-time employees during the summer, 15 to 20,000, maybe 18,000.

SENATOR SMITH: And so that means that that would leave like 64,000, somewhere in that vicinity, with the new fees that you are going to be bringing in for one person in a department?

SENATOR PETERSON: Well, if it stays at the funding that it is now, which would be I think in the Appropriations Committee, 60,000 General Fund and with the 24,000, the emergency clause in this, so we get the funds in right away, that will generate about 84,000. So they would have about