

other states or the federal government, and in that instance, the NRD could be called upon to participate in an action plan. But the NRD does have the option of choosing not to be the administrator of that action plan; and if they should choose that option, then DWR would have to be the administrator of that action plan. So even there, the bottom line is it wouldn't be a mandated situation because the NRD can choose not to participate, in which case we would have to fund DWR to do the management side of the joint action plan that would normally be done by the NRD. So I hope that clarifies a little bit the funding situation. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President. I just had some references to some people who are, I think, on your Water Council, or at least present at some of those meetings, and some of their responses to the need for money, and what the bill might do without the proper funding. A gentleman from the Audubon Society said that technically, financially and politically, it's impossible for the NRDs to act. There's a gentleman from...I know he's on the Water Council, from the Central Platte area. He said the impacts are very broad and not fully understood or explored, and we need to take time and carefully evaluate the impacts, and there should be many more hearings. He also said any taking should require full compensation. Another woman who was involved said that the costs associated are, who is going to pay for four or five years of studies and then how are they going to do that? Then a gentleman over in the Platte NRD said that expensive studies will be needed to accurately determine conflicts, and the Legislature should find funding for this. We really haven't done that, and I'd suggest that the A bill is insufficient. I think it should be greater than it is. I don't have an amendment for it, but I'll consider an amendment on Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Dierks. There are no further lights. Senator Beutler, would you like to close? He waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 108A to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. We're voting on the advancement of LB 108A. Have you all voted? Senator Beutler.