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Standards and Technology. If you talked about that, would you mind repeating it, but, also, it says there is no fiscal impact. Would you enlarge upon that a little bit.

SENATOR DIERKS: (Mike not activated.)

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Your speak...your speaker is not on yet.

SENATOR DIERKS: We did talk about that in the opening. What I said was that the bill also allows the department to become an authorized field laboratory under the National Institute of Standards and Technology, National Type Evaluation Program. What this means is that the department would be allowed to conduct prototype testing of new devices presented for a certificate of conformance.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Is that...does that mean new types of weight and measuring devices in the field? Is that what that means?

SENATOR DIERKS: That's what it means.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And that would be, basically, they would pay the cost of that, so that's a cash-funded issue, and that's why there is no reflection in the fiscal note, is that...

SENATOR DIERKS: That's right. That's right.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And I suppose that, in a sense, is ongoing, that they have been doing that and this maybe enlarges their mission a little bit?

SENATOR DIERKS: That's my understanding of it, that they...this adds a little to their program.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Senator Dierks, could I have a little dialogue with you here?