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concerned, it will have to prove it's value compared to all other budget requests that we have on the table as the session progresses. So I just wanted to comment that the idea of shortening the funding from three years to two years would be acceptable to me, if it were coupled with some sort of language like I think Senator Beutler's amendment had which would cause a serious program evaluation of that effort at the end of or near the end of that two-year period. That would give us an opportunity then, that following session, to decide in the next budget biennium whether we want to put any more money into this or not. I think that's a reasonable way to approach it unless you don't like the idea at all. Now the thing that's hard to stand and defend about this bill or any bill like this is that when you are talking about what good it will do, or how effective it will be, it is really difficult because by its very nature, in the first place, enterprises that venture capital are invested in are very uncertain. That's why it's venture capital. They are not able to stand necessarily on their own two feet with a proven track record. So they are a chancy investment. Then, secondly, when you take that and set it aside and you say, well, we're going to...we're going to introduce this program which will match up the venture capitalists with those that have a need for the capital, there's no way for sure to determine success of that. But if...if we think that our state is sorely lacking in the opportunities for people that would use venture capital, when you look at Kansas and some other states, you would say that we are, then maybe \$200,000 for two years with a program evaluation is not a bad idea. And so that's...that's kind of where I'm at on it. I'm not jumping up and down and waving the flag in support of the bill, but I think if we decide to do it, I would like to do it in that fashion. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Senator Vrtiska asked me a question, and his question essentially was, why would we use a single private nonprofit organization to do these functions as opposed to DED? Why would we spend \$200,000 when we spend money for a DED staff and the like? Using this really gives me a chance to not only