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LB 124

SENATOR KOCH: Yes, I guess they would carry an A bill, Senator Warner. I was thinking about this the other day. I forget our rule. I was thinking it was a \$50,000 impact that we carry an A bill. Isn't that true?

SENATOR WARNER: That is one of the reasons I raised the question. The rule is \$50,000, however, we have sort of been voluntarily going along with an A bill at whatever amount which is required for a new program.

SENATOR KOCH: I have no opposition to the fact that we can have an A bill drafted, that it would accompany LB 124 since it is a new program as you indicate.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay, thank you. If there is an A bill, that is all I wanted to know.

SENATOR KOCH: I will have the fiscal analyst develop that bill.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Koch, could I ask you a question?

SENATOR KOCH: Certainly.

SENATOR KEYES: Jerry, the cost of this bill is \$31,000 before the amendment was put on. Could you tell me what the cost of this is going to be with the amendment on or is the amendment going to increase the cost any at all?

SENATOR KOCH: No, it would not increase the cost because those people would be eligible to listen regardless of the number of people you add to it. The only problem that you would have would be the receivers and they don't pay for those. Those receivers are given to us through the F.C.C. and the federal government and they are installed in your home and they do not remain with you. Once they are used they are returned to the agency and then they are given to other people based upon need and application. They cannot be sold, those receivers under F.C.C. rules.

SENATOR KEYES: There would be no way that this department will be renting them or leasing them out in any way whatsoever then?

SENATOR KOCH: No, they get to keep them for the time that they are approved, their application is approved and then they are returned to the department for dissemination to others who need them.