

is that Iowa, for instance, the information is collected and utilized by a private corporation, primarily made up of major businesses in the state. Right now the Omaha Cost Containment Coalition has been the one to collect the information that they can get available up in Omaha and has made a study that would be similar to what we are hoping to accomplish here. So we are still trying to figure out. The Health Department is one option to collect and put that information out. It may be possible to utilize the private effort to do that which would not require state funding, but that is yet to be worked out. So I am speculating that there are two main options. The bill, as introduced, we would have the Health Department do that. That would be a \$185,000 charge. But that is the next step, and it is the step we haven't evaluated fully yet.

SENATOR LUNDY: I wonder, Senator Wesely, is it premature to adopt this now? Would it be better to maybe hold off until some of these other questions are answered? For instance...

SENATOR WESELY: No.

SENATOR LUNDY: ...is it possible that a private corporation can do this and furnish copies, or resumes, analyses of all the material to the Health Department?

SENATOR WESELY: No...

SENATOR LUNDY: Is that possible?

SENATOR WESELY: The problem that came up with the Iowa model was that they went to try to do this privately before they had the UB82 form mandated. As a result the data came in and you can't compare it, it's different forms and different information. So it didn't work. So even if that is the model that people want to go with, you need to go this step first before you go any further, and so it is important to do this this year, and set this goal, and then the other things will fall in place my guess is.

SENATOR LUNDY: Thank you.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, then Senator Nelson.