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you know the average cost per day?

SENATOR SMITH: I read that to you in my opening statement. They say that there is a range between \$45 to \$55 per day for social detox as opposed to \$285 per day for medical detox.

SENATOR HALL: \$285? What is the...and you also said, you used the term or the figure of \$139,000?

SENATOR SMITH: That's right.

SENATOR HALL: And that's the monies that your amendment...

SENATOR SMITH: That's the general fund monies that we will be asking to be reinstated in the...LB 722.

SENATOR HALL: Okay.

SENATOR SMITH: In DPI's budget.

SENATOR HALL: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR SMITH: The other monies that they've been using in their total for \$183,000 includes the cash funds and third party pay funds.

SENATOR HALL: Okay, thank you very much. Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose the Smith amendment. I...just looking at the figures that were presented to us, we have \$139,000 and...over last year. There was 202 admissions. You divide 202 into \$139,000 and you come up with \$688. You divide that by the average number of days in the stay which is three. You come up with the figure of roughly \$225 rather than the \$285 which is less, but I see it as still very expensive. In Omaha we have a social setting detox that receives \$198,000 from the State of Nebraska. Last year there were 1,400 admissions and they averaged a stay of 3.1 days at a cost of \$45.62 per day. I think that that's very good use of state funds. Unfortunately because of the veto of 280A we are not able to give any additional monies currently to those programs. I would rather see us spend the alcoholism dollars that we do have available that's in the most complete and the most...I guess the cheapest way we can. We're looking at the difference of \$45 a day to \$225 a day. We're looking at the difference between 202 clients in