

any funds as may be necessary to carry out its purposes. Is there anywhere in the bill they put a limit on the funds?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: No, Senator Higgins, it doesn't put a limit on because part of the functioning of this bill, when the authority grants a project, they also negotiate for property rights, for patent rights, for royalties, or whatever, so that a lot of those funds would accrue back to the authority, and depending upon how successful the project is or the projects are, then those funds are to help make the authority to become self-sustaining so that our commitment of state dollars will decrease by those property rights. Therefore, not knowing the success of the projects, which we hope are very successful, we didn't cap that.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Does the bill carry a fiscal note?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Yes, it does and the A bill follows directly after this, Senator Higgins?

SENATOR HIGGINS: How much is the fiscal note?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: The fiscal note is \$2 million.

SENATOR HIGGINS: For one fiscal year?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And on Section 5 where it says seven members with experience in innovation, invention, or entrepreneurial activities, high-risk venture investments or finance, applied scientific or technological research, I assume the authority is going to decide who these people are or are these people going to come to the authority and say, look, I have got an idea and I want some help with it, I want the state to fund it?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: The first board will be made up of these people and those people will be appointed by the Governor, and I can tell you the Governor, I don't think this is, you know, not without his permission, is going to try very hard to recruit people that maybe have retired from chairmen of the board like with say 3M Company or places like this, people who have worked in these areas. So the first board will be made up of these kinds of people appointed by the Governor.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So these appointees will be made by our