

apologize, it's unusual for me to do this, but I'm only taking this step because it was felt that it would be better to do it early than late. But, again, back to my questions about the provisions.

SENATOR LANDIS: Sure.

SENATOR WESELY: And I appreciated your answer to some of those and there are some legitimate concerns here. That's one of the reasons I don't want to...to kill it. I think there's an issue. Do you know how many plans currently out there, as Senator Kristensen talked about, are in operation that would have to be shut down if we don't pass the legislation?

SENATOR LANDIS: I do not have an accounting as if they asked every political subdivision. My guess is that we're talking in terms of scores. We're not over a 100, we're not less than a dozen, we're someplace in the term of maybe a couple score of plans.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. And...and when they cease to be self-funded they would convert to some sort of a insurance-based coverage. Right?

SENATOR LANDIS: Probably do a straight either first dollar or individually funded deductible of a 100, 500, or 1,000, and then after that the political subdivision would provide the insurance.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. So the shutting down of a plan doesn't shut down coverage but it would convert it to a different type of coverage.

SENATOR LANDIS: They would find, undoubtedly, some other way of dealing with the issue.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. Now as for the...one of the questions I have is you have the examples given of what can be covered and what can't and, obviously, some pose a greater risk than others, the concept, for instance, of an employer picking up some of the deductible doesn't expose an entity for a great deal. That would be example number two in your handout.

SENATOR LANDIS: Uh-huh.