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HANSEN: Welcome to the Executive Board. My name is Senator Ben Hansen, and I represent the 16th Legislative District, and I serve as chair of the Executive Board. For the purpose of noting attendance, I would ask members of the committee to introduce themselves again, starting on my right with Senator McKinney.

McKINNEY: Terrell McKinney, District 11.

BALLARD: Beau Ballard, District 21.

BOSTAR: Eliot Bostar, District 29.

FREDRICKSON: John Fredrickson, District 20.

ARCH: John Arch, District 14.

JACOBSON: Mike Jacobson, District 42.

HANSEN: Also assisting the committee is our committee clerk, Natalie Schunk, and our legal counsel, Benson Wallace. And so with that, we'll move to the first item on the agenda for the Executive Board. And we do have to prove of travel expenses. Did you want to fill at-- anybody in on this?

BENSON WALLACE: Yeah, so it's the policy of the Legislature to allow for each senator to have one out-of-state trip throughout the year, calendar year. Typically, the maximum reimbursement amount is \$2,500. I think that's what it was the last few years, and then-- [INAUDIBLE] would know more. I think during COVID, it wasn't-- the Exec Board did not approve a, a travel expense reimbursement for COVID, right? But typically, it's been \$2,500.

HANSEN: So, we're doing a motion and approval for \$2,500?

BENSON WALLACE: Yeah, [INAUDIBLE].

HANSEN: Yep. Is there any discussion so far? I figure we would just keep it at the same, considering the budget and everything else, and-- it seemed, seemed appropriate. Yeah, Speaker Arch?

ARCH: I've just got a question for clarification. Is it one trip up to, or is it \$2,500? If you did two trips, and as long as you stayed below \$2,500.

BENSON WALLACE: Yeah, \$2,500 of reimbursement.

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ARCH: OK. You can do that over two trips, three trips, whatever. Mileage, airline, whatever it might-- prior approval required.

BENSON WALLACE: Right. Well-- yeah, I mean it's--

ARCH: Or notification.

BENSON WALLACE: Yeah.

ARCH: Right? To qualify? Thank you.

HANSEN: Senator Bostar.

BOSTAR: Thank you, Chair. Is it-- since we're keeping it the same, does it require a motion? Since we're not changing it.

BENSON WALLACE: Yeah. I mean, I would--

HANSEN: I think just because we have to set it, maybe.

BENSON WALLACE: [INAUDIBLE] before a biennium, so.

BOSTAR: OK.

HANSEN: That'd pay for budgetary purposes, probably.

BOSTAR: I'd move to set the out-of-state travel expense reimbursements for senators '25-'26 and '26-'27 at \$2,500.

HANSEN: There's been a motion. Is there a second?

FREDRICKSON: Second.

HANSEN: Been a motion and a second. Any further discussion? All right. Seeing none. Roll call?

NATALIE SCHUNK: Speaker Arch?

ARCH: Yes.

NATALIE SCHUNK: Senator Ballard?

BALLARD: Yes.

NATALIE SCHUNK: Senator Bostar?

BOSTAR: Yes.

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NATALIE SCHUNK: Senator Fredrickson?

FREDRICKSON: Yes.

NATALIE SCHUNK: Senator Jacobson?

JACOBSON: Yes.

NATALIE SCHUNK: Senator McKinney?

McKINNEY: Yes.

NATALIE SCHUNK: Senator Hansen.

HANSEN: Yes.

NATALIE SCHUNK: Motion carries.

HANSEN: All right, I'll entertain a motion to go into executive session.

BOSTAR: So moved.