

touch on is what kind of costs we are looking at. The Attorney General came in, in finding that this, as originally drafted, comprehensive bill was going to actually save us money by locking up tons of people for lots of time. How we could save money, I personally didn't buy that, but...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...one issue in there is that by using only a 50-bed facility, I believe the capital construction cost will be \$2.5 million, for a system that we are not sure how it is going to operate, we are not sure whether we are going to have one that's successful. Are you ready to spend \$2.5 million, especially when we are dealing with a budget that we all know what it looks like? Are we ready to outlay 2.5 million right now? The operating costs they show as anywhere from 125,000 in fiscal year '95 to 750,000 in other years. That is for a 50-bed facility, I might add, that is attached to a current system. If we have a stand-alone facility, which some other states are looking at, the department's estimate came up with, for a 100-bed unit, \$3.9 million capital cost, and for a 200-bed unit, \$4.6 million cost, and we are looking at annual operating costs of \$1.8 million.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Are we willing to put that kind of money into a system that we are not quite sure what type of system we want? All we know is we do want a boot camp. Are we willing to spend that kind of money, make that decision, and squeeze out some of the other programs that we are going to be looking at in your own priority bills that may cost some money? I think not and I will be voting against LB 627 for that purpose.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Discussion on the bill, Senator Ashford. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Yes, I just wanted to voice two or three things on this particular concept of the so-called boot camps. I like to call them training camps and I think that Senator Chambers said something the other day that I wanted to voice again because a military boot camp has a goal of making that unit, men or women, into a unit that thinks alike, works together, has a goal of being ready to go into combat or whatever job they are going to do,