

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senators Wesely and Warner. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, and, Senator Robinson, I appreciate your comment and I have the answer for you. What you were looking at on the fiscal note was written in the original green copy, and so what you were saying was correct on the old green copy. When we agreed to the committee amendments, that all changed, and for the most part, checked with the fiscal staff, the new fiscal note on LB 669, the only amount needed by the Department of Corrections even in that time period is \$48,000. DPI said that there would be no fiscal impact to them, for the most part, because their people already meet those standards. Social Services does not do the mental health counseling so it was no impact to them as well. So the actual budget amount will be about \$48,000, as estimated by the Department of Corrections for the amended version of 669. In speaking with the Department of Health officials, they were also saying that even within the fee structure we have, there's...even if those that are there are upgraded, there is nothing in there that says, not only on the bill, but even within the contracts that we have with employees, that would automatically qualify them for more money. That is something the department would have to determine at that point if they were going to give more money, and if \*... were going to do so for that area, and they would then have to go through the appropriations process to get approval to do that. But I appreciate the question because it was an area that I had failed to talk about on how the amended version changed the fiscal impact, and I thank Senator Robinson for doing that.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, question, Senator Stevens.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR ROBINSON: You are really telling me then that the people at DPI, they're really at that salary range now, but in order to stay there, they have to reach a certification level, am I right?