

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: I should mention that this proposal is being modeled after a team approach that been effect in Sarpy County that they've been doing for some time. There is no additional costs in the sense that these people are doing the job they're supposed to be doing anyway. It simply says that the format that you do it is that they must work as a team and we've tried to make it flexible enough so that some of those meetings can be done by the phone, as well as actually physically meeting with each other 'cause that is one of the things that does become a time consuming factor.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, thank you, Senator Rasmussen. And then, first, it states the child welfare workers would need to spend time working with the teams and it's anticipated that time would be reallocated. I mean I...the only concern I have about that, aren't those people rather busy and pressed right now? I mean I'm a little concerned about reallocating someone's time when they're already...probably are putting something more than a 40 hour week in already.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: I'm not sure reallocating is the best word to use there. It might be better to say reorganizing, but it's people who are already involved in these cases and are supposed to be working on them. It is not a new assignment for them to then work with the other players on the team.

SENATOR MOORE: So the argument would be they're doing this already, they're just going to do it in a different manner and, arguably, in a more efficient manner for everybody so...

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes. Yes.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, then lastly it says the Crime Commission will be responsible for tracking team members and meetings. Would that be all...I mean how many teams are we envisioning across the State of Nebraska? I mean...

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: How many counties are there?

SENATOR MOORE: Is it one a county? Is that what it'd be?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Well, actually, what the bill proposes is every county, but contiguous counties can form a single team if that's more efficient on their part to do that, so it may not be