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organizations that provide valuable services to our citizens, relative to access to the court system, that are not...they're not associated with Legal Aid of Nebraska. So I just...members, you need to realize that under the criteria of the so-called grant mechanism within the bill, that really the only qualifying agency in our state is Legal Aid of Nebraska, which essentially disqualifies a good number of local nonprofit organizations that are providing critical services to indigent individuals within our state. And I may, if I could, Senator Cudaback, ask Senator Pederson...the information that's been given to me, Senator Pederson, is that Legal Aid of Nebraska cannot provide services to undocumented individuals. Is that your understanding, as well?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: That's my understanding, yes. But there are certainly enough other needs within the state. That's one of the segments that they can't do, but aside from that, there seem to be plenty of poverty around.

SENATOR SNOWIECKI: There's no question about that, Senator Pederson, and I'll agree with that assessment. But just as a matter of course, I think members need to realize that this is, in essence, a Legal Aid of Nebraska services direct appropriation. I don't know why the Appropriations Committee could not just do a direct appropriation, rather than setting up this grant...so-called grant mechanism within the bill. Perhaps on Select File I may attempt an amendment to open it up so that other qualifying, nonprofit organizations that are providing direct legal services to indigent individuals within our communities may, as well, qualify for some of these grant monies under LB 746. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Snowiecki. Further discussion? Senator Flood, followed by Senator Beutler.

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I am in full support of LB 746 and will tell you, as state senators, we should pay attention to what's being done here, because the people that call our offices and need help because their