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and their creativity, helps them be more successful and deal with some of the very difficult situations they live in. We need the arts education coordinator position desperately in this state to make sure that we are going to have competitive students who are having their whole brain developed and helping their school districts make sure that they have the most up-to-date research and the best teaching methods in arts education. And so I support this override for this particular piece. You know, they all have merit but you know, we all come to these things with different areas of interest. You know, I've never been a person in the Legislature that you've heard much on economic development issues. It isn't an area that I have a lot of expertise in. I'm not from the business community. This isn't something that, you know, I felt a need to step forward on. There are many other people who are doing that. But this override is an economic development override. To make sure that we have arts education curriculum coordinator at the state level is critical to our competitiveness in the international economy. You know, we've heard so much about all the outsourcing of jobs and things that are happening in this country. And clearly, a lot of what we do that's our basic left-brained stuff with technology can be outsourced now. We need those creative people and we need them here in Nebraska. We need them in our corporations. We need them in our employer bases to be able to make sure that we can compete with the rest of the country and the rest of the world. It's true, you can tell the department to just try to suck it up and leave it in there as funds that are available if they...in personal service limit, PSL. But that means something else isn't going to happen. And I think this is something we want to assure is happening. And so I urge your support of this override. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Further discussion? Senator Connealy, followed by Senator Howard.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. There...it is a big program and is a big agency but the demands on that agency and the increased demands is great. If we...we could leave as much hiring authority as we want in the budget but if you don't give the resources, who are you going to fire?