

itself? Was there a great need, is there a great problem out there that they need to do so? And just out of curiosity, was there any thought as to what a qualified person might be? And obviously, it is very loose, it's very interpretive. Could that tend to be a problem of some sort? Just the general justification of why it was offered.

SENATOR CONWAY: Well, since it's coming from Senator Hartnett it has been tracked back specifically, in this case to a Sarpy County situation where they have qualified people in their organization who are already employees who are capable of performing this task of developing the budget, but yet those persons were not on this list of qualified people to help develop that budget and this is, in their mind I believe, an opportunity to get better utilization out of some of their employees and have them on that list and let them perform that task. I assume it is probably out of their comptroller's office employees, but they have no authority to actually participate, according to law, without this expansion.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And, Senator Conway, my final question, it might have been on the line of what Senator Warner was driving at and if it's redundant or repetitive, forgive me. But assuming then that there would be more contractual arrangements to "other qualified people", there was no fiscal note as far as a guesstimation of what each one may, in fact, what the general contracting price might be. Obviously, it would be unknown as to how many would do so, but there is no general figure to use as a base?

SENATOR CONWAY: For one it was, in this case it was presumed that it was already existing employees in the organization would be doing it and, again, if we looked beyond the intent of Senator Hartnett in what his specific needs were, that may be something we want to address. In his case the presumption was that the employees that are already on board are there so, therefore, there wouldn't be any cost. You're just getting better utilization of people who are already there.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: But it is possible that they would be able to go outside of that domain and enter into another contractual arrangement of someone not within the system that would be totally outside that would have to be...would charge a fee for the service?