

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That is correct, that is correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Do you know about how much it is?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Wehrbein will find that. I just...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...I'd hate to say right now because I just don't know.

SENATOR BEUTLER: All right. With regard to the demand for funds, do you have information that would be more specific in any...in being able to describe to us what is not being done, or what could be done? I'm interested in two different things. You know, the emergency services of these different kinds of services, outlined in 42-905, seem to me the most important. And I guess I would like to know if that's getting done adequately; and, two, whether it's getting done all over the state, or just in Lincoln and Omaha, or how that's working? Do you know?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, I do. Senator Beutler, thank you for asking that question. And I'll put on my light to give you more time, if we need it. It's around 600,000, Senator Wehrbein just tells me, that would be on the General Fund. There are a...there is a...how it's funded, Senator Beutler, first, and I'll get into the needs, it is funded by the department...it is distributed by the Department of Social Services, but there are 24 areas, agencies in the...throughout the state that form a coalition. And that coalition then comes together and advises on how they believe the distribution should best be done, and then working with the Department of Social Services, that's how it's distributed by a formula that the coalition agrees upon. In the State of Nebraska it is not, domestic violence is not, unfortunately, being taken care of statewide. In fact, in our part of the state we have counties that we don't have any representatives in. The funds are so limited that they don't even get a chance to go out and make a personal visit; they all have to come in, either to North Platte or one of the other areas. In the past years they have come before the Appropriations Committee and asked for more dollars. And Senator Crosby has, and I and others have tried to do the best