

that we have a 50-50 federal match on these areas. And I guess the reason I wanted to bring some discussion on the floor on the survey was to have some legislative intent, since there is absolutely no language whatsoever in the amendment, discussing what you're requiring for a survey. And I know sometimes when we pass these bills that are very ambiguous that we turn them over to a department that the people within the department wanting to do everything possible to abide by the letter of the law, sometimes over...go over them...the...what they would intentionally do themselves, what they're doing now maybe. Maybe right now they're just making a few phone calls, which is what we did over the lunch hour. But if we pass something and put it into statute that says they have to conduct a survey, then they'll go and conduct an actual survey of all the child care providers. So I wanted to be sure that there was some language in the transcript from this floor debate that that's not what we expect. We don't expect the Department of Social Services to have some formal survey, that...they could do just as much as I did over the noon hour, which was to have a staff person call and find out what the cost of child care is in a couple of the Omaha areas, and it is about \$105 a week per child for the younger children, in particular, that have more intensive needs. So it probably would be approximately what Senator Bohlke said, at 75 percent, a little over \$75. And we are talking, we just expanded, since you didn't vote for my last amendment, the possibility of bringing more people into these areas with children possibly and child care needs, and if we're adjusting it every two years, we're again forcing them to adjust it every two years. We're not going to be making policy decisions on the floor of the Legislature anymore, we're just going to pass something like this that just automatically these decisions will be made based on again a decision that we're making today that every two years that they will do a survey and they will adjust the rate so that we don't have, really after a time, any real knowledge, I think, unless you take the time to be so knowledgeable of how much is actually being paid out at that time, except maybe out of our appropriations area. And now we're making...we're being asked to make a policy decision here with this amendment saying that this is how policy will be made from now on. And I disagree with that kind of automatic policymaking decisions, I think we're here to make policy and to see that we go over it every few years to see how things are working and be able to change that, should that be necessary. Again, my amendment is just to strike that provision on child care. I'm reminded of myself when, you know, you're talking