

you are talking about establishing in the statute.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, and I appreciate the question. The intent is to establish that family planning is critical if we are trying to prevent unwanted or unintended pregnancies. And I think it is clear that in a lot of cases, not all, that unwanted pregnancies could lead to additional costs to the state for purposes of ADC, that if there are individuals out there now who, should they find themselves unintentionally pregnant, may have to rely on welfare for purposes of raising that child, taking care of themselves, that if we provide monies up front in the form of family planning, that there will be I guess a reciprocal effect in that there will be less of those unintended pregnancies, therefore, there will be less dollars spent in the area of welfare or aid to dependent children. And that is the intent, the intent, there's...I've seen a couple of the letters, I think you are referring to the issue that very likely it is somehow tied to abortion. I think you know my position in that area, and for me, this is an issue of you need to educate people to the greatest extent possible, and I think you will prevent a great number of those unwanted pregnancies if you do that. And that's the sum and substance of my intent for bringing forward this amendment.

SENATOR ABOUD: Now the criteria for the family planning, that will be established by the Nebraska Department of Health?

SENATOR HALL: It is, and that's right, Senator Abboud. There are currently, as I said earlier, there currently are nine clinics that operate right now, and Senator Wesely told me that the dollar figure, as he understood it, was at \$1 million to date. This again would allow for that additional \$425,000, and it would very likely, based on the Family Planning Council of Nebraska, where they identified the needs in the areas of the state, virtually all of it would be in areas such as Lexington, Ogallala, Nebraska City, Falls City, Ainsworth, York, Sidney, and those types of areas across the state where there is a lack of this type of affordable family planning out there right now.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Wesely.