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SENATOR CUDABACK: And that will actually benefit like...

SENATOR WESELY: The idea, Senator Cudaback, is to have the state have resources to work with communities, like your own in Lexington, so that when they have a housing problem they can have some assistance from us to solve that problem.

SENATOR CUDABACK: And would that...will that be handled within, within the department currently?

SENATOR WESELY: Within the Department of Economic Development, that's right.

SENATOR CUDABACK: So we really aren't adding any new personnel.

SENATOR WESELY: No.

SENATOR CUDABACK: We aren't adding another department or...

SENATOR WESELY: No, I don't think that there's any personnel added in this bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yeah, so actually it's meant for a short-term type problem that we currently have, right? This is...

SENATOR WESELY: Well, the task force will, short term, look at these codes and issues like Senator Jensen raised; long term we set up the trust fund that will be an ongoing effort to try and address our housing needs. But it will be integrated into the existing department and commissions that we have there.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I guess I can see a need for something like this. If we can fine tune it down to where it gets a cross representation of whole Nebraska rather than say, not just in Omaha, Lincoln, Lexington, or Scottsbluff, but if we can pick the committee. Maybe Senator Withem's language or...

SENATOR WESELY: Okay.

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...somebody's will address that problem.

SENATOR WESELY: You make a good point, I agree with you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yeah, okay, thank you.