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to thank, first of all, Vice Chairman of Health and Human Services Committee, Senator Byars, for introducing this very important bill and for bringing this issue to our attention. I do also want to thank Senator Beutler and members of the Appropriations Committee for their diligence in watching over the state's budget and our fiscal responsibility that they have to this Legislature. I have handed out a few things for your information to give you some of the background and context why I introduce this amendment. First of all, in that packet was a letter that I wrote the day after Senator Beutler's amendment was adopted on Select File, and then a copy of Section 71-7614 from the Nebraska Health Care Trust Fund Act, relating to distributions from the Health Care Trust Fund, and then a list from that section of acceptable uses and potential uses, and if you just might want to turn to that list, just want to make a comment on a few things. First of all, in the bill itself, it really talks about public health and then all the things that are under public health: school nursing; health education; public health staffing and education; health testing and screening; matching funds for federal health programs; public health laboratory equipment; public health environment service; smoking-related education, research and outreach; and then state trauma and EMS systems--the state right now is looking for a way to fund a statewide trauma system; nursing facility conversions; professional recruitment and education; health infrastructure development, including telemedicine--that's a bill also that's come before us this session; community-based aging services, including respite care--respite care does fit under certainly the parameters of LB 1070; and then community...or children's health insurance. And I wanted to mention those things, and then the possible examples, those underneath, are just things that are in bills that are before the Legislature this year and would all of them fit under 1070? Maybe not, but they are situations that I think a person could apply for a grant to the committee, to the council, the Excellence in Health Care Council. And then also in that packet is a chart of 1070, a little drawing, and then a sampling of letters in support of maintaining the 1070 process. We have letters there from Douglas County, Lancaster County, I believe Polk County, another one from Central City, of individuals who are concerned about, at this time, tapping into the 170...or the 1070 process. I want to ask for your support for this amendment. It isn't an