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council. There is now substantial work being done in HHS to add three or four people, to begin with, and \$147,000 a year, to begin with, to efforts that are already being...that are already taking place, pardon me, for the exact, same purpose. I would submit to you is duplication that right now the state of Nebraska cannot afford and which serve no purpose. The Department of Health and Human Services has placed a renewed focus on internal coordination, on enhanced coordination that will permit the government to better address women's health issues. The Department of Health and Human Services has formed a Women's Health Task Force, this is in 1998, last year, under the Nelson administration. Members of the task force represent many programs and activities throughout the health and human services system, plus they have a representative from the Legislature, from the Women's Health Commission, pardon me, the Women's Commission, Mexican-American Commission, and the Governor's Office. The task force has identified priority areas for additional emphasis within HHS, and they...those areas, incidentally, were improved access to women's health care for women, better data collection and analysis, focused intervention to health...to address health disparities experienced by women of color, and mental health needs of women. In other words, exactly the same areas that Senator Schimek is attempting to reach with this bill are being reached now by Health and Human Services and under the present budget without another \$147,000 per year, per year, per year. The task force formed a steering committee to develop possible action steps for addressing these priorities, and these included better use of existing data, ways of sharing that data with communities, conducting a needs assessment to better understand access issues, developing a health promotion and education initiative focused on the health needs of women of color, possibly working with a pilot community to develop effective local agencies. Now the Health and Human Services now possesses a high priority for women's health. And examples of what they are doing to address the needs of...the health needs of women, some of which Senator Schimek has already mentioned, Every Woman Matters Program, Medicaid, prenatal and child health programs, school and adolescent health programs, health services provided through facilities such as Youth Rehabilitation and Health Treatment in Geneva, reproductive health program, home health program, health promotion activities, behavioral health system, the Office of Minority