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SENATOR BYARS: Yes, I will, Senator Cudaback. Thank you. It's a very good question, Senator Janssen. We have included the hospitals, both from the rural and the urban areas, from the very onset of the discussion of putting this piece of legislation together. And one of the processes they'll have to do, particularly in the rural areas, is regionalize this testing, and many of them have already started the process of working with the educational service units, the regional hearing districts that we set up in this Legislature when we closed Nebraska School for the Deaf, that we established regions and gave them basically the funding that we were spending on the School of the Deaf to use to assist in hearing projects. So these hospitals are going to join together in many instances to purchase equipment, hire audiologists or train nurses or other personnel to be capable of doing this test. So they're comfortable with it at this point. They have come to me, we've talked. They're comfortable with what they're going to be able to do and the time frame with which they'll be able to do it.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yeah, I...the way I was led to believe was that this was going to be a...something that would be tested immediately upon delivery, is that right? And...but it...but it could be at a little later date, is that also true, say, like, at six months, something like that?

SENATOR BYARS: No, that is not true.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right.

SENATOR BYARS: No, the requirement of the bill is that they are tested before they're released from the birthing facility. If you test within the first 24 hours, you get a lot of false positives. There are certain circumstances with the hearing system of newborns that they don't test well within that first 24 hours, so it needs to be after that period of time. But our objective is to get 95 percent of the infants born in this state to be tested before they're released from the birthing facilities. We feel that that can be accomplished even on a regional basis.

SENATOR JANSSEN: So you say that if...the first 24 hours you cannot detect some of the things that you normally would?