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tells you, and I'll let you form your own conclusions, why it's important that we have one central place that's observing and checking on kids in out-of-home placements, and that's the responsibility of the Office of Juvenile Services and they are mandated to do that. When the judge makes a placement, the youth is on probation. Probation supervises it. Probation is understaffed, and you're going to hear about that in another bill, but one of the things that they don't have the ability to do when a kid is...a youth is placed out of state is to regularly travel to monitor the youth. They have to rely on the facility itself for a lot of information. Several years ago, there were a number of Nebraska youth in a specialized treatment center in another state. Several of them are there placed by Health and Human Services of our state. A small number of them were placed through judicial placements. There were problems that were being monitored by the facility and there was a death in the facility. There is a national group that monitors these placements...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...and they notified HHS about it, and HHS immediately removed the youth that were in...that were theirs placed by the state, but they also called to let the other people working with the other youth know, knowing that they were there but not through their system, but they were not pulled immediately. The state, where the facility was, pulled their children immediately, as did a number of other states. Now I'm not pointing fingers. I don't know what happened. I do know the youth were moved when the facility's license was revoked. But if we have this many players making decisions about youth without a central oversight, I have concerns. This has been...I've been mentioning these types of things to you on the floor. This...a couple people shared the story with me since that time, but one of the concerns that I have is that if we have...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...these types.

SENATOR CUDABACK: (Visitors introduced.) We are discussing the