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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator, when we're talking about contractors and we say "agency of the state", could an "agency of the state" be the one that would be entitled to obtain this funding and the grants when they become available?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes, if it was a member of the area agency on aging.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why would they need this...how are...how are area agencies on agency (sic--aging) funded?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Senator, what we're trying to do is we're trying to make sure that these operations is located in the area that already provide services to the aging. They are already used to operating under federal guidelines, the same guidelines that we want initiated into this program.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why do these agencies, these state agencies, need more money from a program like this? Why don't they just seek an increase in their budget?

SENATOR AGUILAR: I'm sure their budgets are full, just like everybody else's are.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR AGUILAR: They don't have these services now. This is a new service we're going to offer.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I thought it was being done in Omaha and Lincoln already.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes, it is, but that doesn't do much for outstate Nebraska, does it, Senator?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, it...it...currently it does not and this bill will not either. I'm saying you have...you should narrow the focus, take away some of these who can make it on their own, who have taxing and budget-setting authority. And if this is truly a new program to fill in gaps that currently exist, target the money in those areas and don't let the city,