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a process and a unit in place in our state that gives that authority to individuals within our state government to prosecute these situations. That's in addition to, as I mentioned earlier, the idea that is required under federal law that if you're going to do a false claims...or a Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, that that unit also has to be equipped and prepared to investigate and prosecute neglect and abuse. And I think that is something that we discussed in the committee quite extensively and that was something that I know that Senator Byars pointed out. We had the discussion on LB 1084, we had the testimony, and Senator Byars said we also need to recognize some of these other things that are in the bill, and that is one of them. And I think that's extremely important for us to look as far as...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...the intent of what LB 1084 seeks to accomplish. So the bill was drafted mainly through the direction of the Department of Health and Human Services in working with the federal...or the model act that has been prepared in 48 other states and the District of Columbia, while balancing that with the authority of the state underneath the federal regulations of Medicaid. And we're trying to come up with a balanced approach, and I would appreciate the support of the Legislature on the committee amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Senator Erdman, would you yield to a question or two?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: I would.

SENATOR BOURNE: Senator Erdman, I'm looking at the fiscal note on the bill, and particularly the number of individuals that are going to be hired by the state to implement the program. And I'm just...I'm concerned about hiring 8.4...I don't know if that