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that you felt, or the Fiscal Office felt, that it would probably be general...excuse me, fiscally neutral, revenue neutral?

SENATOR ERDMAN: Is that a question?

SENATOR BOURNE: It is.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. So...

SENATOR ERDMAN: If I...

SENATOR BOURNE: Please.

SENATOR ERDMAN: A majority of the units, I think 37 of them, became self-funded within the first few years of their existence and so it is likely that ours would fit under that same scenario.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. So...I mean, has anyone done any studies here in Nebraska, or is documentation available? Do we have a fraud problem with Medicaid, real or perceived? I mean, are we in line with these other 37 states?

SENATOR ERDMAN: I think it's hard to say, Senator Bourne, because the ability to investigate fraud is limited because of the balancing act, if you will, that an agency that administers Medicaid has to have in regards to the federal law. As the other states that have Medicaid Fraud Control Units have established a separate unit, they have the ability then to go out and investigate and determine what fraud is available. We don't have that authority because of the waiver and because we don't have a stand-alone agency that does this type of investigation.

SENATOR BOURNE: o the state now, HHS now or whoever, we have no mechanism for investigating fraud in our Medicaid program now?

SENATOR ERDMAN: We do have a mechanism for investigation. The