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member of the Health Committee, I recognize that the process that's been undertaken to arrive at this has been long and drawn-out. But I think it's been done systematically. And in my humble opinion, there's probably one individual that hasn't been given the credit that they probably deserve, and that's the legal counsel of the committee, Jeff Santema, for his efforts, not only on this bill, but on all the other bills that we deal with in the Health Committee. And Senator Don Pederson mentioned, you know, he serves on the Appropriations Committee and says, I'm really glad I don't have to be on the Health Committee anymore. It's a lot easier to be on the Health Committee knowing we have such capable staff like Jeff and Joan on our committee. So I think those individuals should also be a part of this discussion, that they were at those meetings and a part of the discussion. Senator Schimek mentioned in her speech about her concern about how this proposal or this idea would affect western Nebraska. And I'm assuming that the senator from Lincoln is referring to something farther west than maybe Kearney or Grand Island, and is actually going all the way out to where I'm from. And so I'd like to give you that information. About 30 years ago, the people in my area started talking about this issue, and we received quite a bit of information from Region I, as far as what they've called the 30 years of inclusion and stakeholder involvement. Now, based on their analysis of what needed to happen for our residents, they began proactively doing some of the things that LB 1083 would encourage the rest of the state to do. However, LB 1083 doesn't require the entire state to do it at the same time, because there are some communities throughout the state, such as Region I and Region II, that are already moving progressively towards accomplishing the intent of LB 1083, and that is moving towards more community-based services. And we've heard those facts and numbers pointed out by Senator Jensen. The reality of why Region I is probably being discussed is simply based on the reality that there was no one to help them set up their system when they were asking. Now it's been pointed out that the trip from Hastings to Lincoln would be a long trip, from some of those who testified on LB 1083. However, nobody really seemed to be concerned about the trip from Scottsbluff to Hastings, or wherever to Norfolk. And I think that all has to be balanced, and I think Senator Jensen has pointed that out, that if the