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around this floor, but they had that \$1 million cap on them, so nobody worried about it. Well, we don't fully fund anything around here. The deficit of Lincoln and Omaha on this half of the fare being subsidized is over \$6 million. Rural needs could be shown to be more. We're not fully funding, so this is a technical motion to remove old language and to indicate that we will fund what we decide the needs ought to be. I thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. You heard the opening on AM3242 to LB 1144. Open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. I forgot I had mine on. I would support this amendment, and as I explained yesterday, we set the road building program in the state and that implies back to the gas tax. And so this is just simply you might say harmonizes that we fund it to the extent that we feel we can fund it. And this makes that clear in statute that what we will do as to the extent that it is funded and the impact, just as it's been done for several years as Senator Kruse has said. So I do support this amendment and the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I, also I going to repeat a little of what Senator Wehrbein said. I think Senator Kruse should be commended for his perseverance and patience on this whole situation, but just so that I understand and so the body I hope understands, there is a few people listening, this, basically, is going to take some information these people will provide to the Department of Roads. They are going to go through it, make a recommendation back to Appropriations Committee on the full dollar amount. Now could Senator Kruse answer that question please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kruse, would you respond?

SENATOR KRUSE: Yes, I would. Yes.

SENATOR BAKER: Is that accurate?