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I'm a very strong, strong advocate of economic development the state of Nebraska and elsewhere. And I certainly hear where Senator Redfield is coming from and absolutely Senator Pederson and the hard choices that you, as an Appropriations Committee, the executive branch, and ultimately we as a Legislature need to make in making our priorities. It's not easy and I, for one, pat every single member of the Appropriations Committee, from the leadership on down, with the tremendous job and the very difficult decisions that they make. But I wanted to let you know that when, Senator Pederson, when we talk about need, of our needs of our citizens, we talk about education, this is what we're talking about in this bill. This is exactly what we're talking about. If you look out at the foundations, you look out at those not-for-profit organizations that are asking you for another vehicle that is going to cost us something in General Fund dollars, I admit that; but if you start...if we could do the empirical evidence, the dollars that come back, that flow back to the state of Nebraska because of those not-for-profits, it is absolutely amazing. I think of need of our citizens and I look at the foundation which I head right now in my community hospital. Without private dollars that are given to that foundation, we would not be able to fully fund our home health department, which has a tremendous impact on citizens. are individuals that aren't getting Medicaid dollars or other They're getting private...they're being...paying out of their own pocket and the only way we can afford to continue to provide those services are through extra dollars in the foundation. Our hospice program, our palliative program, which anyone that's had any kind of exposure to through your family, the majority of the funding on your hospice programs is coming out of the private pockets of individuals who are supporting those programs. These are needs of our citizens. Immunization clinics across the state of Nebraska are getting some state funding, rarely lederal funding, but not enough to be able to provide the immunizations that are necessary to keep our kids healthy; and preventative medicine. These are private dollars that come from a foundation. Health fairs across the state, these are private dollars that come from foundations. Most of the dollars that set these up are not dollars that are provided elsewhere. They're provided through not-for-profit foundations, such as the one that I run. Education; how many people in