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the...of providing a report from the department, I think what you can...as page 3 indicates in the committee amendment, substantial direction to the department relative to reporting. And included within this reporting is those that are employed by a private entity under contract with the state of Nebraska. Senator Jensen, are you comfortable that the department can access this information, that it will not be overly cumbersome for either the department and the private providers in our state that are providing these services to the citizens?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, I think...I think that we can. First of all, we have some great providers out there that are more than willing, I think, to converse with us and let us know how they are doing and how they're proceeding. One of the things, hopefully, that we can bring about this or bring to fruition is a collaboration of all of those individuals out there that are providing services, and that we can bring those all together without a great deal of overlap, but at least with coordination and understanding of what is being provided, how can we improve the system.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Senator Jensen, is it your sense from the private provider perspective that these provisions, as outlaid under page 3 of the bill, doesn't give them a whole lot of heartburn relative to reporting this information to the department? They're okay with this?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, I think so. We certainly didn't hear anything from them opposing that and, matter of fact, I think many of them are looking forward to that also.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Okay. Thank you, Senator Jensen. Very much appreciate the information, and want to just reiterate my thanks to Senator Howard for bringing these...for bringing these issues to the forefront of the Legislature and forcing the Legislature to evaluate our situation relative to child welfare services. I appreciate your passion and your commitment, and look forward to working with you in the future relative to these issues. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.