

state university and the state colleges. It is self-evident that those would be in the area of education. Sixty-nine, in the Arts Council, may raise a question, \$5,200. The rationale for this is that it is a very important part of their function is to provide educational opportunities for youth across the state, particularly in the arts. In that fashion it was appropriate to consider that among the priorities of health and education. Foster Care Review Board is \$3,337, and this again is the same concept that would be used for social services.

SENATOR CARSTEN: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: Agency 82 is the hearing impaired, 4,900. Again, this, too, would be under the educational assistance for people hearing impaired because they do provide the kind of programs incentive, and in some cases equipment to enable people who are deaf or have hearing impaired to communicate. The final one in this is the Department of Environmental Control for 18,000. The reason for that was that that is the program within the department that inspects water wells, waste sewage treatment plants and so forth, all of which...such for nitrates in wells, other impurities. But all this directly relates to health needs or prevention of disease for citizens across the state. Finally the last one deals with the Medicaid. As I indicated earlier, while on the surface it may well appear that \$7 million of increased appropriations to cover the Medicaid costs that counties currently pay, reducing their general state aid by a like amount may in total be a trade, but when it comes to individual counties that is not the case. Twelve counties stand to gain from the expense of 81 counties in the form in which this distribution takes place...

SENATOR CARSTEN: Time.

SENATOR WARNER: ...particularly those counties which stand to gain are Boyd, Clay, Dakota, Dodge, Douglas, Gage, Lancaster, Madison, Nemaha, Richardson, and Scotts Bluff. I would be accurate to state that at least six members of the Appropriations Committee would represent areas which stand to benefit by this distribution, at least five rather, would stand to benefit from this reallocation of local funds. It appeared to the committee it was grossly unfair to reallocate that distribution back to counties if this veto results. Finally, the other thing all of this is predicated...

SENATOR CARSTEN: The time is up, Senator Warner, but the Chair