

to run everything, we'd just as soon not have to pay anything dealing with these programs, but the state has put in these incredible burdens on the counties and the counties are just trying to deal with that particular program. What they are saying is that we want to try to help these people and one way we can help them is to make sure that they get some sort of job training, some sort of vocational education, whatever that might be. And the rules and regulations aren't in this particular bill because they don't even have the opportunity to establish it. Even if the state came in and said we'd like to run your programs, they couldn't do it because we don't have any enabling legislation. And I hope that next year or after this bill is enacted which allows them to be a part of these job training programs, that the state will come in, and I'll be happy to sponsor that piece of legislation where the state will come in and take over this particular program. But until they have that enabling legislation, they can't do it. They just can't do it and they sure would like to help these people. And that's what the bill is. It is just enabling legislation and I don't want to get into some big debate about the welfare system, Senator Wesely. There's problems in it, sure, but far be it from me to tell county or state officials how to run the best program, but when they came to me with this approach, they said we want to encourage them into some job service or some community service to help these able-bodied male individuals that are receiving this assistance to be able to do that. And that is all, really, this bill does. It is just enabling legislation and let's hope that next year the state comes in with a good program that will provide the funding for what Senator Wesely and myself want to accomplish. Thank you.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Chambers, on the advancement of LB 422.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam Chair and members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Abboud a question.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: I'll respond to the question, Madam President.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What education or job training opportunities are spelled out in the bill?

SENATOR ABOUD: Well in a number of instances, Senator Chambers, on page 2 we talk about the intent behind the