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SENATOR SCHELLPEPER:      Senator Moore, it will serve rural Nebraska better than our present system. This bill is designed to get people...what we consider into the critical areas where there really is a critical shortage.

SENATOR MOORE:      And the present system is not targeted like that?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER:      No.

SENATOR MOORE:      Okay.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER:      Anything, right now our system is that Lancaster, Douglas and Sarpy counties are not considered rural, anything else is considered rural.

SENATOR MOORE:      Okay, but...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER:      So this will put them into what we consider the...

SENATOR MOORE:      This bill would allow...is it eleven...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER:      That's right.

SENATOR MOORE:      ...eleven people a year in each class would qualify for this, or how...the eleven people in the committee statement is what I...it says, whereas eleven people that are not particularly rural targeted now, this would allow for eleven people, or however, whatever level we choose to fund it, they would all be entered in the program with the agreement to go back to the rural area, is that correct?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER:      There's only eleven in the whole program right now, Senator. We would like to have more, but we don't have the funds.

SENATOR MOORE:      Okay.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER:      You know, if you can find us more funds, we will gladly put more people out there.

SENATOR MOORE:      If there was more money, we could serve more people.