

see to it that they get that postsecondary education. Does that mean four more years of college?

SENATOR BOHLKE: No, that, I was a little concerned when that statement was made because the current contract limits for two years. So if someone would come in, they wouldn't get the four years.

SENATOR ROBAK: Okay, that was getting mixed, whatever, and another question is, how many people would that affect, this bill, I mean this amendment that we are putting postsecondary education back into the statute here? How many people does that affect, do you know?

SENATOR BOHLKE: We would never know until the interview takes place because we don't know until that...right now it is one size fits all, you know, and so the new one will be an individual interview. We have no idea what that client and that caseworker may decide for that individual.

SENATOR ROBAK: And do you have any idea how many recipients today are taking advantage of the postsecondary education, and how much that is costing the state?

SENATOR BOHLKE: I could probably find that out. I don't...I don't know it off the top of my head, Senator Robak, but I think we would...we could probably get that information to you.

SENATOR ROBAK: I would be interested in having that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Robak. Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I want to bring the argument on this particular amendment back to the problems of...back to the problem of welfare reform in rural Nebraska. It seems to me we've spent a lot of time talking about education and jobs in the state as though there were good paying jobs all across the state, and I will argue that in rural Nebraska, one of our biggest problems with welfare reform is a shortage of jobs that pay an adequate living wage for women. Currently, with \$4.25 as the minimum wage, that translates to about \$8,840 a year for that woman, and if she has one child, she is below the poverty level; that simple. Now I have to stand in opposition to this amendment because a high