

you the exact results in what is happening. These particular programs are not to be in place for a year and then stopped. They have to be ongoing to continue to meet the needs that we have out there and it's not something that you can accomplish what you want to overnight. It takes awhile to get established. It takes awhile to work with this particular clientele to get the kind of results that you would like to have. It needs to be broadened. It needs to be expanded. I think it's one of the strongest prevention programs that we have in the State of Nebraska. We spend an awful lot of money I think on the other end looking at mothers and children and fathers. We're looking at child support programs. We're looking at ADC. We're looking at a lot of things that we do after the fact. In my estimation, this is well spent money. I wish we had a way of tracking. Prevention is very difficult to track, but to be able to show just how much money we actually are saving the state by having these programs in place. I would ask that you think very carefully about doing away with the money for this particular program because I think these sites could show you their effectiveness, how well they have done, and the job I think in many cases was beyond our expectations as far as the good results they are getting. I think it's important that those established programs begin to share that funding, is what we're talking about, and that we can start more pilot programs and I would strongly encourage your defeat of this particular motion.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Madam President and members, I rise in opposition to this amendment and also to have you a little explanation. Certainly Senator Witek has raised the issue that this legislation was brought before the Education Committee. It did not pass out of committee, but it was for a number of reasons. First, let me tell you that as Senator Hillman and Senator Brown have spoken about particular projects that they have observed and their success, the Education Committee traveled to Falls City and we also had a chance to observe a very successful program and I think that it's important to realize that certainly in the Education Committee we also heard a number of people come forward and say we want no more unfunded mandates. Well, what we've done with this is an opportunity actually for the State Board of Education to take leadership role in this whole area and there is 435,000 dollars that they can decide to continue the pilot projects at a certain level if they wish, or to begin new programs. It's pretty much how a