

checks. The glitch is that you got to get prior approval. Some of them don't realize that. So they're well-meaning, self-motivated people that go out and enter into say a community college course or an approved course, according to the standards of the Department of Labor, but because they didn't get prior approval, they lose their unemployment compensation, which seems very unfair to me that the only thing that's keeping them from getting it is just a timing thing.

SENATOR WITEK: So during the whole time that they're in school for the year they can continue, if this bill is passed, to receive their unemployment checks?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Well, it depends upon how long the unemployment benefits are there.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay. They receive throughout the whole time of whatever benefits they would have received anyway.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Right.

SENATOR WITEK: Instead of waiting till their benefits are done to go to school, they go ahead and start.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes. They currently can receive the benefits and go to an approved training course. What happens in this instance is they didn't get prior approval of the course that they were taking, so they lose their unemployment.

SENATOR WITEK: So will this be an increase in...where does this money come from?

SENATOR HILLMAN: From the unemployment pool. It will mean more money from that pool. It won't be General Funds, but yes, there would be more unemployment insurance being paid, benefits.

SENATOR WITEK: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Hillman, to close. Closing is waived. The question before you is the advancement of LB 633. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.