

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SENATOR HILLMAN: And for \$1.7 million, which is the cost of one modular, do you have any idea what that might mean, those kinds of dollars, to a community corrections program? Are we looking at three communities, four, do you have any idea about how many people? And I know that would be kind of a guess, but...

SENATOR LINDSAY: I don't... The community corrections bill was I believe LB 880 from last year. And I don't recall, 'cause it's been some time since we looked at it, I don't recall what the fiscal note on it was. But I can, again, check that, too.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Don't statistics usually show though that the most expensive way to go is in facilities?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Absolutely.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay. So...and also.... And thank you, Senator Lindsay, appreciate those answers. But one of the things I'm also coming from is that if you look at the whole state and what it is that we're doing here with incarceration and putting people at facilities, you'll notice that all of them are built in eastern Nebraska. And I don't have any real problems with that. I know a lot of the reasoning in the new violent youth center and all of those. But those of us that are out in western Nebraska that's a long separation from families when something like this happens to a family and there is need for incarceration. And yet statistics will show you if you can keep families closer together, if there are programs where you can keep them in the communities, the recidivism rate and a lot of those things are much lower, families stay together, they have an opportunity to work things out, and it won't be anymore costly than what we have. Now I know we're not talking about community corrections today, but I think we should at least be thinking about it...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR HILLMAN: ...when we make the kind of decisions we're making here. Are we making the best investment and going to get the best return on our money, which from Appropriations Committee I think that's a lot of what we look at. That may sound kind of cold, but I think we have to look at that fact and