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SENATOR RAIKES: Senator, there's a handout I will refer you to. It's the one titled, Nebraska community college areas. If you go to the bottom set of rows on that handout, there's...the first row down there is Central. And there's a minus \$35,379. That would be the reduction in aid that Central would receive under this adjustment for Northeast, as compared to not having an adjustment for Northeast. If you go on down the line, you see the reduction for Metro would be a minus 57; Mid-Plains, minus 15; Northeast, plus 218; Southeast, minus 65; and so on. There...the additional tax liability to the citizens in the Northeast area would be \$546,000. But in addition to that, they would gain \$218,000 from the other community college areas. So that, I think, is the best way I can reflect the notion that this was intended to be, and sort of required by the Revenue Committee to be, a group solution to the problem. We're not going to solve the Northeast problem without involving all of the community college areas. And so that's what's done here.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: But, Senator Raikes, would that realistically mean that Central Community College would have to get another \$35,000 from their property? Would that be assessed to their property valuations? As property taxpayers, they would be liable for that \$35,000?

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator, a couple things I would point you to. If you go to the second page of that handout, you can look at the funding per REU, is what it's called, or revenue per REU. REU is a standardized student that reflects not only the fact that a student is there, but the type of course work that they take. For example, a purely academic course is weighted less than one that is vocational, because the vocational one is more expensive to provide. If you go down to the bottom, 2010 year state aid, you'd see that with this adjustment, Central would have about \$6,049 per student...or, excuse me, per REU; whereas Northeast would have about \$4,780. So even with this adjustment, Central has considerably more funding per standardized student union...unit, rather, than would Northeast. So there is...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.