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out there without the opportunities that they could have had. It is important to the future of our state, and the passage of this bill would signal that this state cares about its young people and that it does want to see them succeed. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Further discussion? Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Preister and others.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I don't even think we should look at this as a burden or a problem or anything but a great opportunity. I don't know what it's been like in your communities, but the Latino immigrant community in this city has been an immediate positive force. And I say, educate their young, turn them loose, they're on a roll. It's another great addition to America.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. Amen, Senator Beutler. They certainly are making a contribution, and many of the parents of these young people are working in jobs that, unfortunately, don't pay them a living wage, don't always pay them insurance, don't provide the kinds of support that would allow the parents to pay for these children to go to college. And in many instances, there's so much economic pressure on the family that they need every dollar to come in to support the family that they can muster, and therefore there isn't much emphasis put on going to college, let alone the additional burden of three times the expense. In the book that Senator Schimek gave us, it shows that a year of college at UNO is just over \$4,000. That same education to a nonresident student is over \$12,000. The families do not have, first of all, the income to be able to provide that kind of support to their children; and second of all, they're under such economic pressure that there's a de-emphasis on education. So for a young child who's graduating from high school to have already made the decision that they want to exceed, in most instances, their parents' education level, that they want to go