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where we want to be. Mr. President, I would yield the rest of my time to Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Kruse.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One...one, forty-two.

SENATOR CONNEALY: One minute? This Legislature, what, about five years ago, put a task force together to look at integrating this...the newcomer population in this state, and this is one of the recommendations that came out of it. We...I believe that this is time to do this. This is...one of the biggest things about this is that these are the best and the brightest we have. The kids that come out and want to go on to university are sometimes top of their class, and you put a hurdle in front of them and it's not going to be something that they're going to get over, something that they're going to be able to climb. They aren't going to get Pell. They aren't going to get federal aid. They're going to work to pay for this. It's actually an asset for our universities and our colleges in the state. This is a way to move that inevitable integration that's coming into our state. Our state is going to be different 20 years from now than it is now. It's different than it was 10 years ago. But this moves us that much faster. It keeps these people productive. It gets the best and the brightest in our university system. I'd urge you to support this bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy and Senator Kruse. Senator Redfield, followed by Senator Schimek.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I would like to ask Senator Schimek a question, if I could.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, would you yield to a question from Senator Redfield?

SENATOR REDFIELD: While she's walking to the mike, I will tell