

SENATOR HARTNETT: Where do you envision these being in the state? Are they going to kind of be like the...like our dumps, you know, not in my backyard? You know, where do you see them being, you know, do you see them like a college dorm? You know, you said they are in other states and so forth.

SENATOR ABOUD: Well the boot camp facilities is along the lines of a minimum security facility. A number of states, Georgia in particular, have taken a different approach than Nebraska. Nebraska, in years past they have changed a little bit but they used to just have a maximum security facility. A person would be convicted of a felony, sent to a maximum security prison and serve out the term until he was paroled. A number of states have taken a different approach to this, realizing that a person that writes a bad check may not be in the same category as a rapist or a murderer. And so they formulated more of a policy where they have minimum, minimum medium, medium, and then moving up to a maximum security prison to deal with the different types of offenses. Now the advantage to that type of approach is that you have a reduction in cost to the state. A maximum security prison not only costs more to construct, but also costs more to staff because of the higher concern of violence that could take place in the facility. So if you move down to a minimum security facility you have a lot less cost with the initial construction as well as less of a cost for the operation and I believe, looking to other states, it is more beneficial to the individuals that are housed in that particular facility. As far as locations, you know, Lincoln has the maximum security prison, I don't think there has ever been a...Omaha, we have one, now it is a medium security facility. There has never been a shortage of areas that are willing to use these types of facilities. It's the goal of the Department of Corrections that they would construct the facilities in the most cost-efficient manner, meaning that construction would probably be next to existing medium security facilities so that it would reduce their cost even further because they could share different types of facilities such as kitchen, medical facilities, things like that.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Abboud, maybe, you know, I think in Sarpy County I believe they have you know, where they put a monitor on a prisoner and they let them, you know, keep them kind of in minimum security, and the type of charges that you said, you know like writing back checks, and so forth, you know,