

a study that really looked at reviewing the efficiency and what should be done with the city campus and both of these consultants have recommended that the city campus should be restructured. It has a phase-in program. It has a definite line plan and a plan of action that it needs to follow to do that. For those that would be interested, the programs for the attendance center in Sidney community would be cosmetology, business, allied health, general studies and like technical programs. The aviation and auto body, diesel, electronics, avionics and heavy equipment programs would be moved to the Scottsbluff campus. The automotive and mechanics and welding programs would be merged with those that are on the Scottsbluff program, however, there may be some expansion the welding facility needed. What this says I think is they have looked very carefully at both campuses, the needs in the area, the cost per student which Senator Baack had mentioned and that have come to some conclusions that I think the Legislature could help them implement and would ask you to support the amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Hillman, a question if I may. First of all, let me say that having had an opportunity to visit the Western campus on a couple of occasions in past years I think I have some appreciation of the unique facility problems that you have out there and I have no problem with this amendment. The amendment as I understand it is limited to Western...

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, it is.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...area and it is a lease back kind of authorization that the other areas do not have and I guess that's another public policy question and I'm not sure that I would want them to have it generally, so my question is this. If we desire to set less of a precedent, would there be any problem with a window of opportunity time on this particular amendment which would say something to the effect that the contract needed to be entered into within a certain period of time so that then it expired and then there was no community college with any more authority to act under this kind of a lease back arrangement? Would that be a problem to do that?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Well I don't know that it would be a problem. I'm not sure, Senator Beutler, but I think by the description that is in the bill that I believe that that is addressed,