

need...I'm asking for this to...this report to be brought in by October 15, 1994. And I think, as I said earlier, as I said earlier, I think a lot of the...we have not actually had any real numbers on how many children would be affected, how much money it's going to cost in the long run. And I think that we need to know that before we go any further with it. As I pointed out earlier, one of the things...the biggest cost would be 68 new caseworkers, \$1.6 million a year in state and federal funds after these workers are phased in over 3 years. A big cost additional would be child care expense. And this might be 2.1 million a year. We do not have firm numbers on that. So I think probably what we need to do here is what I'm asking you to do, is to start another study and have it ready by October 15, 1994, that still gives you time, in the 1995 session, to bring something back and have it ready for that session so we can finish this up by July of '95, as the originators of this bill want. Every county in each legislative district has at least hundreds of low income Nebraskans who play by the rules, and yet they're in need of public assistance to ensure that they can meet their families' basic needs. And while 1224 works at reforming the system, it still contains many provisions which would require the states to simply walk away from these Nebraskans, despite these families' best efforts and despite their children's continuing needs. So, I think, as I say, I'm still opposed to the proposed two-year limit on the cash assistance, even with the amendments approved on General File and today. We still...the goal of self-sufficiency can be met by some within two years, for others it will not happen. In Nebraska, where the present average full-time wage for former ADC recipients is barely \$5 an hour, for a family to be fully employed, to be doing everything possible for self-sufficiency, to follow all these rules and yet still be extremely poor and in need, they are not self-sufficient. And under the two-year limit I don't see how that is going to make life any easier for them, nor help them get out of the system. According to conservative estimates, at least 14,000 children and over 7,000 people are going to be faced with this dilemma if the present two-year limit is implemented. So I would hope very much that you will look at this amendment as I have passed it around, and hope that you understand what I'm saying is that I think we need to bring back this committee that the Governor would appoint, would evaluate whether these changes would facilitate the policy goals as stated in Section 9 of the act, and the feasibility changes in eligibility requirements and in the terms of public assistance. It shall include, but not be limited to, the fiscal