

which do not take into consideration whether or not a student has the financial resources to afford to attend the University. This amendment does nothing with the amount appropriated for need-based programs at the university level system. My amendment reappropriates the ten percent increase to nonneed-based programs to two need-based programs, the state student incentive grant and the state scholarship program. It maintains the amount appropriated for the university system nonneed financial aid programs at last year's level. The two programs, first of all, this amendment appropriates \$160,000 to the state student incentive grant match which is a 50 percent federal, 50 percent state match fund program. Currently the Legislature earmarks a certain amount appropriated to the university system, the state colleges and the technical community colleges to be spent at the state match portion for this program. Independent institutions may participate at present in this program, however, to do so they must supply the state match portion themselves. According to the federal-state student incentive grant study the only other states which require nonprofit independent institutions, all of which are important to our state, to put up private matching money are Colorado, Idaho, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, Utah and Hawaii. Of these, however, only Hawaii and Nebraska do not have other forms of state supported aid for independent college students. This amendment provides that state match portion of this program is just that, state monies used to match federal monies. And, secondly, this amendment appropriates \$234,000 of the total, in addition to the \$160, to the state scholarship program adopted into law in 1978, but never funded. This is a need-based program open to any Nebraskan which is attending a Nebraska institution full-time and working towards his or her first undergraduate degree. I would call your attention real quickly to a handout that I sent out and I won't read through that, it's not important. What is important is that if you'll look at the bottom of the page it says Nebraska taxpayers currently provide approximately \$320,542 of financial aid to non-Nebraska students without regard to financial need. My amendment says that that's probably enough money and we should probably especially in this time of the economy when it is difficult for everybody including students and probably especially students that we consider that and offer an opportunity to needy Nebraska students to have an option and a means to attend college. Remember, this does not touch the need-based programs at the