

other colleges do under the state like the university and the state colleges as far as the requirements for increase in salary?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: I guess I don't honestly know but I see some fairly knowledgeable people shaking their head, yes, they do.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, now, so if they are, does that mean that they are required to give that increase to their faculty?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: I assume that is possible.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, then I guess my next question is really not to you, Senator Hannibal. Thank you. It is a concern that we had that was evidenced over and over on the floor by those that were in opposition to LB 796 who did not want to see the ability of the community colleges to increase the levy because of the property tax increase that it would cause. At the same time, we are not going to be doing...we are not going to be allowing in the appropriations for an increase in salary to this group of colleges when we have done that for the other colleges because we don't want to give them state aid. I think this places our community colleges in a small bind here and, you know, I don't know what the answer to this is other than asking for an appropriation. Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would just urge that you not vote for the amendment. I think it has already been indicated that all the aid programs, there is not a salary built in as such, and I remind you where we now stand. We are still within at least what was originally anticipated that could be appropriated and any addition beyond this point is going to add to the problem. So I would urge that you reject the amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President and members, I just want to repeat one part of Senator Baack's statement which I think is about all that needs to be said and that is, \$504,000? Senator Warner just I think has made it pretty clear where we are. We have voted I think some tax support for tech colleges, as has already been alluded to through 796. And it would appear to me that one of the difficulties we have in dealing with tech colleges is it would appear probably that they to some extent