

or gift tax deductions or qualifications which these trusts are normally able to take advantage of. So I think, really, the purpose of this amendment is to perhaps clean up some language, to still keep the intent of Senator Wesely to prevent circumventing the law and allowing people with substantial assets to qualify for Medicaid but yet not disqualify charitable remainder or charitable lead trusts, such as foundations might want to have people set up. It's a rather...it's a technical area. If there are questions, we'll try to answer them. But I've tried to indicate to you what the purpose of this amendment is and I would ask for your support.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. Madam President and members, I have...well, first off, I want to extend my appreciation to Senator Bromm because he did ask some questions on General File and we have looked at the language and that's where the one amendment that I withdrew came from that the language wasn't clear. In addition, Senator Bromm has talked to some experts on trusts to try and clarify this and this is certainly not an area of expertise for me. But, from what I understand, the department has reviewed the language and it should keep with the intent of what we're trying to do and not harm that effort. Again, the point we were trying to make, and I should note this for you, is at the national level they're concerned about trusts and asset hiding for qualification for Medicaid. And so I think nationally there may be some initiative in this area but in the meantime I do think this is important legislation and I think the amendment is fine. So I'm going to support the Bromm amendment and I, again, appreciate his work on it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Does anyone else wish to speak to the amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Bromm? Closing is waived. We'll now vote on the Bromm amendment to LB 800. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Bromm's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Senator Hohenstein.