

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Moore, on 1136.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President and members, I'll be brief, and it's not fun what I do. But the fact is, you know, I had said earlier in the session there may be some possibility for an increase in funding for this program. I think the argument, a strong argument has been made that it's been relatively flat. The reason I will not vote to advance LB 1136 has several parts to it, one of which is spending decisions, priorities. I'm not talking about teachers, I'm talking about mental health and other things in LB 991. I just know you've got to say yes to some people and no to others, you can't say yes to everybody. And this is one of those things where I am willing to say no to this plan, because of what's in the out years. As I already stated, we have fifteen million dollars appropriated for this area in the next two years, in the next biennial budget, fifteen million dollars. Now, that's for service coordination, that's for high school graduates, that's worthwhile. But the fact is can you simply add onto that? Do we want to? Yes, we all do, we all want to. But today I'm not willing to advance LB 1136 until we vote to take something out of 991, or we bring a tax increase bill up on this floor and start dealing with things straight up. And to just continue to vote yes on these things, all of them, without making any of the hard decisions is something that I think the body is not doing its job. Like I said, if we vote to take some things out of 991, maybe 1136 should pass. If we have a motion from the Revenue Committee to bring a tax increase bill up here, and all the people that want to spend money are willing to raise taxes, then maybe 1136 should pass. But to just pass bills knowing you can't fund them all I think is a mistake and the wrong message to send. So, for that reason, I'll be voting against the advancement of 1136.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: I call the question, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, to cease debate.