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LB 506, 800

self-funding, in combination in excess insurance. Self-funding helps local governments to continue to provide health coverage for their employees and dependents, and saves money during a time of escalating costs. This makes it very clear that they also may add dental and disability coverage to that package of benefits. So, once again, it's primarily a clarification for governmental subunit...subdivisions that is not now clear that they can provide dental and disability coverage along with the health coverage that they now provide.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on advancement? Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. Question before the body is the advancement of 506 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 506 advances. LB 800.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 800 was introduced by Senator Jensen. (Read title.) Bill was read for the first time on January 20th, referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments attached.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jensen, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. LB 800 relates to a category of people called dental auxiliaries. Current law used the term "dental auxiliary" to refer to dental hygienist and dental assistants. LB 800 simply removes the term "auxiliary" wherever it occurs and refers to dental hygienists and dental assistants instead. The bill also shortens "Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure" to "department", and shortens the "Board of Examiners in Dentistry" to "board". There is...that's all the bill does. There is a technical amendment to the bill also and I'd be glad to take that up, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Amendment on the desk.