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need to look at always the preventive side, the prevention that can be done in schooling and from parents, and hopefully that we can come up with a...a bill here in LB 114 that does have some teeth in it that will cause young people to think a little bit about where they are, what they're doing, and who they're with. With that, Mr. Speaker, I'll return my time back to the Chair.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. The discussion on this motion has...has traveled to a couple of other areas and I felt compelled to be able to mention some things that are already going on that...that I think it's important that the body know when you're reconsidering this motion. One is that last year, as you know, we created a two-year process that's been staffed by University of Nebraska-Omaha Criminal Justice Department with people from all congressional districts, judges, law enforcement officers, probation officers, child advocates and others coming together on four issues. One of those issues is diversion. In some counties, if you were subject to this arrest, and we've been talking about what should the consequence be and Senator Hilgert is talking about what kind of services should we have in place, we do in some parts of the state have the ability to divert a child for an assessment, to work with the family and come up with a better solution than maybe just a consequence of taking a driver's license away or...or put them in jail. And this committee's duty, for the new members, is to be able to come up with a plan for diversion throughout the state. Right now, one of my concerns about diversion is that we have tremendous inconsistencies, and if this bill were to pass I think there would be counties where a lot of kids would end up in diversion, have the services, the assessment, the ability to work with the family and put the kid on a line that isn't going to bring them any type of charge that would...it would be dropped if they completed the diversion, whereas you're going to have other kids that are going to have a more stringent response. And I just want you to be aware that that process we're one year into...we're six, seven months into the process, or eight months. We've taken care of some other duties. We have...are just beginning on this particular topic and hopefully we'll have