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where the alleged behavior occurred regarding a subject who is alleged to be mentally ill and dangerous. Currently all petitions must be filed where the subject is found. What this means is that if an individual is...is an inmate, might be residing in Lincoln or Omaha correctional facilities, if they're about to be released but are still considered to be mentally ill and in need of further treatment, they are found to be in Lancaster or Douglas County. Under this bill, the county attorney in these jurisdictions may file a petition in the county where the subject's initial alleged offense occurred. Example being someone who committed an offense in Lincoln, or Cherry, Keya Paha County, Gage County, then the petition could be filed in that county and not where the individual is found in Lincoln or in Omaha. It's...it's fairly simple, but it is far-reaching. There is a committee amendment that does...we had put a permiss...changed a word which made this legislation permissive. The committee felt that that needed to be changed and they will present that in the...the committee amendment. And I would ask that we advance LB 188.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Brashear to open on the committee amendments. Is Senator Brashear handy? You may...you're recognized to open, Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, the committee amendment reinserts the word "shall" in the statute, which was replaced by the word "may" in the original bill. It's simply a clarifying amendment. The amendment is consistent with the intent of the statute, that a petition is to be filed only in the district courts that are designated in the bill. In other words, a petition to have a person committed must be filed in the district court where that person, the subject, is found, or in the district court where the subject's alleged behavior that underlies the petition occurred, or in such other district court designated for good cause shown. The amendment is that simple. And your Judiciary Committee unanimously advanced it 8 to 0, as amended. And I urge the body to support the amendment and to advance the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Open for discussion on the committee amendments. Seeing no lights on,