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SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This amendment adds what I believe is a desirable and perhaps important...I don't want to say restriction but it...a safeguard, I guess I would say, on the process. As I've mentioned before, my...my concern with the whole proposal is that we preserve the opportunity in order to protect the public for competitive bidding, because I think that is, in construction projects, an important safeguard for the public, and also that we allow the opportunity for new bidders, smaller bidders perhaps or simply new bidders get into the process. One way, I think, which is encompassed in this amendment that would address that, is to make it an important issue to the school board who's embarking on this sort of a project by, in effect, requiring that that school board pass a resolution to undertake either a design-build or a construction manager at risk program by a supermajority of the school board. Now there is some precedent here because currently, in order to vote an extra one percent budget authority for the school, a supermajority is required. This would use that same process for entering into a design-build or construction management...construction manager at risk delivery system to...for a construction project. So, again, I think this is an amendment that highlights the importance and also gives an opportunity for people who may have concerns, citizens who may have concerns about the process, to enter into the process. So I'll be happy to answer any questions, but I would urge your support. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. You've heard the opening on AM2694 to LB 391. Open for discussion on that. Senator Quandahl, followed by Senator Jensen. Senator Quandahl.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members of the body, I rise in support of AM2694. This is an amendment that Senator Raikes yesterday had some concerns with the bill and wanted to make sure that basically everybody would have notice and that the school district would...would make sure that everybody had notice that they were going to be utilizing or at least have the potential for utilizing a alternative construction delivery system. And so, as a result, this AM2694 was drafted to address those concerns. It does require a