

guidelines to guide the Department of Economic Development, the types of assistance, they would include, but not be limited to, financial packaging, technical assistance, job training, export technical assistance, and also assistance in gaining access to new markets. And then we would also change the primary responsibility of the Business Recruitment Division, which is currently the Recruitment Division, and this would be, right now they are in the process of assisting and encouraging the location, expansion of new and existing enterprises. They would now switch to the creation of jobs to the attraction of business. They would be looking more...we would be looking at the jobs market more carefully and they would be trying to create more jobs with the businesses that were brought in because that is something that is very important in this state is the creation of new jobs. I think with that I would simply try to answer any questions that anyone might have. I think the bill makes very good sense, and I have had some discussions with the Governor. The Governor has a number of things that she would like to do with the Department of Economic Development, feels that the passage of 639 will give her an opportunity to make some of these changes to do some of the kind of things that she thinks needs to be done within the Department of Economic Development. I think there are some changes need to be made. I think by giving them this flexibility, by keeping a close eye on them for the next year or so, that we can see these kind of things happen. I think one thing we need to make very clear is that we are going to be watching very closely, we do expect some results from these things. We do expect some results from these field offices that we have set up, and we also expect some results from the flexibility that we are providing to that department. If we don't see that, then I would probably be one of the first ones to come back in and put some mandated language in that says, you will direct your efforts in this direction. So with that, I would just be happy to answer any questions that anyone might have. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Discussion? Senator Scofield, followed by Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I am going to support Senator Baack on this and I was one of the people that beat up on that department pretty good last week, and I still have concerns about the Department of Economic Development. The Governor and I had discussed this at her request sometime ago and I am convinced that she was concerned