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bill would add those 84 over a four-year period and that would be about 20 more staff a year. Hopefully, with that we would in four years' time have adequate workers and staff to protect the children in the different environments that we find them in, whether they are abused at the home or outside of the home and in foster care, but clearly, an intolerable situation must come to an end and the passage of this bill will help us accomplish that goal. With that, I appreciate your discussion and ask for your support for the advancement of LB 720.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question before the house is the advancement of LB 720. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 720.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 720 is advanced. The A bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 720A, Mr. President, offered by Senator Wesely. (Title read.) The bill was first read on March 28 of last year, Mr. President, referred directly to General File as is our practice. Senator Wesely has amendments pending that are on page 157 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, we've spent a lot of time together. It's been a pleasure. Members of the Legislature, this amendment would reduce the A bill down as it is a four-year phase-in. The committee amendments did not put all the workers in in one year, would put them in over a four-year period reducing the fiscal impact. So I would move for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any questions, any discussion on the amendment? If not, those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Wesely's amendment to the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Senator Wesely, let's proceed to the bill as amended.