

would also give the small business an opportunity to see whether it's going to work. I think this says that it allows it up to two years and with a vote of that particular community board it would give them another 12 months if they needed it. But I think this is a good way for us to help it along. This originally...this bill of this type originated out of the New Horizons program and I just want to thank Senator Barrett for letting me co-sponsor it with him because I'm a strong believer in it. So I support the Barrett amendment and I also support the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Hefner. There is one light remaining on the amendment by Senator Barrett and that is Senator David Bernard-Stevens. The Chair recognizes Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: It's a mouthful, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Senator Barrett, would you be kind enough to respond to a question?

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Barrett, would you respond to a question?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Yes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And, again, Senator Barrett, I know the Government Committee appreciated your bringing this to it. We deeply appreciate the work that you have done in the interim period to bring us a better bill and this particular amendment will improve the green copy, to my mind, to a very passable state right now. I do have a question I'd like to at least have in the record, at least a little bit of discussion. Part of the discussion in the Government Committee centered around the 18 months where originally a company that was under the incubator program would be able to take advantage of the help, if you wish, for 18 months and the amendment extends that to two years. Is that...it's on the first page, part 3, extends the period within which a tenant business must relocate outside the incubator from 18 months to two years.

SPEAKER BARRETT: As I recall, the discussion a year ago, Senator Bernard-Stevens, that was to help minimize the effect of unfair competition. We were concerned about competitiveness with local entrepreneurs.