

be reimbursed for their participation in that activity. And existing law, however, didn't permit them to participate in a program, so they couldn't be reimbursed, or at least it was a technical problem. And so by the original language that would take care of it, but it also would broaden it significantly. The language that is being suggested, instead of having the word "offer" it says "assist other entities in providing programs and services", which would allow for the kind of thing which would meet the problem that they had ran into before. The reason it occurred to me, there are, as we know, a couple of other, well maybe more than one bill, but at least a couple other agencies, a couple other areas that we have been looking at, and particularly in child and children issues, some kind of coordinating body. And it's so that...for the convenience of those people who are being served. It seemed to me that it probably was not desirable to set up another agency to independently offer programs, but certainly to permit them to assist in those programs where it is appropriate and would be consistent with other legislation that I don't think has been enacted yet, but certainly it's been discussed where there is a need for a coordinating group to assist those people who are seeking services of various agencies. So this will permit that, yet does not set up separate, independent offering of programs, but does allow them to participate in any appropriate program with all agencies in which a cooperative effort is desirable. That's the purpose of the amendment. I would move the bill be returned.

SPEAKER BAACK: Discussion of the motion to return. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I would just let you know that I rise to support Senator Warner's amendment. There was absolutely no intent to duplicate any existing program services or other entities out there. We just want you to know it reflects what the commission has been trying to do, that we see their role and they see their role as fulfilling the needs and to encourage and assist others in meeting them. So, with that, I would support Senator Warner's effort to return the bill for the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, perhaps Senator Warner is referring to a bill that I've introduced,