

First of all, with regard to payment for mediation under your amendment, is it the same as under Senator Ashford's amendment, that is the parties would pay for the remediation or for the mediation?

SENATOR LANDIS: There is reference to a sliding...I think I've got this right. Let me just take a look for a moment. I'm not sure that this...the amendment that I've brought you specifically refers to the cost structure. There is a provision in Senator Ashford's bill that says it will be on an equal basis of the parties given their ability to pay. That's what 728 says. LB 90 says...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, and that would apply to your amendment then.

SENATOR LANDIS: ..LB 90, which was last year, said that it would be on a sliding scale charged by the center, but I can't point to language on costs in the provisions before us.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, but it's your intent that Section 11 of the bill then would apply to your amendment?

SENATOR LANDIS: Well, it remains unchanged. This is an amendment to...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah.

SENATOR LANDIS: ..the bill, but I think Senator Ashford should probably defend his own cost structure here which he has in the bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. The...under both Senator Ashford's proposal and your amendment, as I understand it anyway, after the mediation process is completed, it's then required that the plan be submitted to the respective attorneys for the parties and the respective attorneys for the parties are then obligated to submit it to the court, and the court, the court is obliged to incorporate that into the decree, or not?

SENATOR LANDIS: I'd ask that you ask Senator Ashford because now you're talking about...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.