

some fashion, whether it was a general extreme hardship permit or through a specific medical hardship permit, and so the results of that series of events is LB 1181. People with medical needs require transportation but can't get a permit. At this time, if they are not eligible for a different type of permit, they are out of luck, and there is no where for them to even try and have the situation addressed, and that is what LB 1181 really does. It is just an opportunity for citizens to address their medical needs for transportation. Not everyone who applies for one of these permits is going to receive one. The guidelines have been constructed tightly with the assistance of the Department of Motor Vehicle staff. In fact, the Department of Motor Vehicles sent a letter indicating that they did not testify for our bill, but they have reviewed the bill, and they had no problems with it. I would ask that we advance this amendment, and I think, if there is any time remaining, Senator Hillman would like to talk, or I will answer any questions, if anybody has any questions.

SENATOR CONWAY PRESIDING

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Robak. Anyone else wishing to speak. I am going to have people who were signed up before the committee amendments, so I will run down the list, Senator Schellpeper, you are next. Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Hall. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. This bill did advance out of the Transportation Committee. It did not have any opposition to it. There was some very compelling testimony given for the needs of this, and, certainly people who...I don't know that this will be a widely used thing, but certainly the people who really use it will need it, and the committee did not have any problems with it in advancing to the floor, and I see no problems with the bill that Senator Robak is trying to put onto 1092, and I would urge its adoption as well.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Hillman, on Senator Robak's amendment.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I just rise to support this bill. As Senator Robak had said, we had done an interim study because of several constituent problems that had some parallels in both of our