

Senator Beutler is putting in this bill.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So every employer has to provide interpreters and civil service, a referral agent to community services for every employer of 100 people?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If they have 10 percent of their work force speaking the same non-English language, then there would have to be an interpreter.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Are they limited to over 100 people?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So that would be 10 people in a working group of 100?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Who would happen to speak the same language, be it Vietnamese or Spanish or Japanese even.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. And, Senator Pirsch, not to take all of your time, but in most of these companies where they recruit people, they already have bilingual employees, meaning they speak English and the language of those who are being recruited, so that present employee could serve as the interpreter. They don't have to go out and hire a special person.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, I'm glad you clarified that. I do think Senator Beutler is right...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...in more focusing this and I will support that. I guess I reserve judgment on the whole bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I do support Senator Beutler's amendment and I'm aware that the Chamber of Commerce is working very hard against this bill, but when they sent a person to testify against it, they only had very general comments because they could not find anything wrong with the need to address this problem. They acknowledged that