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separate circulation patterns or the availability of through closing doors and opening windows that you can get circulation and that those can be set aside for possible smoke areas based on local work site accommodation. That set of principles would be acceptable to me. LB 121 in its present form is not.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Hartnett, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR HARTNETT: (Mike not activated.) Madam President, members of the body, I guess I'm troubled. I guess as I look at the bill...

SENATOR CROSBY: We're trying, Senator Hartnett. Try it again.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam Chairman, members of the body, I guess as I look at the bill, Senator Preister, there are so many exemptions because I what I see the problem is with young smokers. Does the university have dorms that don't have...nonsmoking dorms? Can a student...because they're exempt and to me what we're doing is saying we're kind of encouraging maybe with this bill rather than discouraging, encouraging people to smoke because that's where I see the problem is with young people. And on the medical costs as you brought is, I think, is, you know staggering, but are we going to stop it with this bill if we allow...you know, we exempt all the places that people live. To me, if you're going to smoke it should be some hardship as we've done in this building. I don't smoke, but you know if a senator wanted to smoke he had to go across the way, so I think we're making it easier for students, but can we limit what the university or the Board of Regents do? That's what I have problems with, if we're encouraging young people to smoke rather than discouraging. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Beutler, your light is next.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, it, you know, as I read the exemption in this language it empowers, as I read it, the Department of Correctional Services not only to exempt their institution insofar as it may be residential and insofar as we may be referring to residential kinds of time, but this seems to also empower them to allow smoking in the work place at corrections. And I guess I would ask Senator Preister is that possible under this bill?