

concerned about on HIV reporting and on adoption records, because that's been an important issue with me. So I don't think there's any way that there's going to get any more lax, I think our intention is to enforce these areas of confidentiality. And that's what I think the purpose of the interim study is about. But also the interim study will allow people to have input, as Senator Witek has asked, so that there is input I think the interim study committee will include people from all across Nebraska and it will provide input from citizens of the state to help with the issue. And those are the citizens that we're representing, they're the ones that have the problems that we're talking about. So I think this should happen. And I hope that you will support the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Madam President and members of the Legislature, in the field that I work in, confidentiality is a very, very important issue. And the departments that we're putting together in this bill, it is...it's paramount that we do something in this area. I'm going to support Senator Dierks' amendment and encourage you people to do the same. Senator Bernard-Stevens brought up some interesting points, but we need to do something in this area on this bill, and I appreciate Senator Dierks bringing this to us because I didn't see this. This confidentiality is an issue because many young people that are in this particular...being serviced by this particular bill, you people, I need to let you know that you have no idea how this information can come back and take these people when they become young adults and older adults. And the confidentiality, if it's not there, can hurt these people drastically. So we need to put it in there. I support the bill, I mean the amendment, and I support the interim study part of it, that we do something right and get it in there so it's going to protect them, not just for now, but also for their future for the young people that these people will be serviced. Because there's lots of stuff in here that has to be considered confidential. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. There are no further lights. Senator Dierks, you may close on your amendment.