

way we currently are imprisoning juveniles? And, secondly, if it is not, where we're striking the language and where the changes are that this language is putting in.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Abboud, the answer to your first question is, no, this is not new language, it is transferring from another section. In fact, throughout the four hundred some pages of the bill, outside of a few lines, a few pages at the start, it's all transferring sections that are in different places back into the appropriate sections of law under the new agencies. So I know, and I can confirm for you that this Section 955 on page 458 and page 459 is not new language, it's existing language in the statutes. What I cannot confirm for you is the sections of law from which it's being transferred. I will have that for you as soon as I can get that answer.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Senator Coordsen and members of the Legislature. Just very briefly, I didn't get to it the last time I was up here and I want to make it very clear that I don't have any problem with the Legislature and its determination on this issue. I don't think there's any problem with that at all. It isn't that I think we won't come back and do it again next year if we don't get it all done this year because I think we will and I think we'll have oversight forever, that's our position, we have to do that. I can recall, maybe people think we're, we are ahead of the curve here in Nebraska, I think some other states have done this successfully, some have not. But I think that we have done things in this state successfully with, with waivers, for instance, from the federal government as far as our Medicaid and Medicare and all these issues are concerned. We have done things that other states have not. We've been ahead of the curve. And I think it's alright for us to be ahead of the curve again, and we can do that. And I don't, as far as myself, if I have some opportunity to be involved with these studies, and I think I will, I intend to take advantage of that and I think you should, too, if you have that opportunity, to make a commitment, to make sure that this issue comes out the way that this, that you feel it should or that our Legislature feels that it should. Now this is one of our opportunities, it isn't something we should put on the back burner and say let the