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LB 1055, 1055A, 1076A, 1076

CLERK: LB 1055A by Senator Wesely. (Read title.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, the A bill is to implement the amendment that Senator Lindsay and I had adopted to LB 1055. It deals with the question of an instant check in a background check on the mentally ill getting handguns. And the problem we had, if you recall, which the amendment dealt with was getting information that maintained the confidentiality of those that have mental illness, with the desire for those in law enforcement, when they are requested to give a certificate to purchase a handgun, getting access to the information they needed. What this requires is an interface between the computer system of the Department of Public Institutions, which has the mental health records, with the State Patrol's records that are used for these background checks. So there a 30,000 dollar one-year cost to get this compatibility worked out. Then after that, it is a 5,000 dollar a year cost to maintain that exchange of information. So that's what the A bill is and I'd ask for its advancement to E & R.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely, there are no further lights on. Do you have a closing? Closing is waived. The question is, shall LB 1055A be advanced? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of 1055A.

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 1055A advances. LB 1076A.

CLERK: LB 1076A by Senator Wickersham. (Read title.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. This A bill is actually a harbinger of things to come, so I think it is incumbent upon the body to be aware that LB 1076, in its present status on Select File, does not require an A bill. There is, however, an amendment filed to LB 1076, which, if adopted, would require an A bill, and the bill that you have in front of you would meet those requirements. The amendment and the subject that requires an expenditure of funds is buyback, the amendment to LB 1076 that will be offered on Select File is to require