

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office

April 1, 1999            LB 295, 738

SENATOR BROMM:    Okay.    Thank you, Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT:    Yeah.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:    Further debate on advancement?    Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR:    Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature.    I just rise in support of this issue.    In fact, I had a meeting last week and one of my constituents wanted to know where this bill was in progress.    So I certainly do support it.    Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:    Further debate on advancement?    Senator Hartnett, you're recognized to close.    He waives closing.    The question before the body is the advancement of LB 738 to E & R Initial.    All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay.    Record.

CLERK:    26 ayes,    0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 738.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:    LB 738 advances.    LB 295.

CLERK:    (LB) 295, Mr. President, by Senator Hudkins.    (Read title.)    Bill was introduced on January 11, referred to Judiciary, advanced to General File.    I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:    Senator Hudkins, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR HUDKINS:    Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body.    At the present time, state law permits only county attorneys to create pretrial diversion programs, and at the same time they have to have the approval of their respective county boards.    LB 295 simply extends that same privilege to city attorneys and also requires them to obtain the permission of their local governing bodies in developing such programs.    The goal of 295 is simply to allow city attorneys to establish pretrial diversion programs which would meet the specific needs of their communities.    Such programs would permit the city attorneys to deal more effectively with matters ranging from local code