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LB 112, 295

SENATOR SCHMITT: Okay. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate on advancement? Senator Hudkins, you're recognized to close. She waives closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 295 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 295.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 295 advances. LB 112.

CLERK: (LB) 112, by Senator Crosby. (Read title.) Bill was introduced January 7, referred to Judiciary, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. LB 112, under other numbers, has been...has come to General File three times, but we always would adjourn before we got to the bill, so today I am pleased to bring it to you and I thank the Judiciary Committee very much for bringing it out unanimously. The intent of the bill is to be able to use the arrested person's health insurance, when they have insurance coverage, when they have sustained an injury or need medical attention when they are under incarceration. Current practice is to charge the arresting agency if the injury is sustained while they are being apprehended. Our political subdivisions are being required to do more with less and this...this bill will help ease some of that burden. At the same time, we want to be sure the quality of care is never an issue nor should receiving care ever be denied. LB 112 prioritizes the responsibility for the payment of costs of medical services for individuals who are arrested, detained, taken into custody, or in jail. First, the primary responsibility is for the arrested recipient of the medical services, it's ascertained if he or she has insurance policy that covers such treatment. The second thing, they look to the recipient personally to see if he has resources to cover that treatment. Third, we look to other available sources, such as Veteran Affairs, Social Security, and the Department of Health