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that sometimes, unrelating to this amendment per se, that we're trying to encourage homeownership prematurely. And I think we need to keep that in consideration, and also...and that can be accomplished by providing some of these options. But we need to have these limits in terms of income, and very importantly, this amendment also, with the request of housing authorities, we do not want to create a problem for the people who are starting to make more money and attempting to save to buy a home, so that the income guidelines in this amendment are only at the initial time of renting the facility. So, if they make more, they wouldn't be automatically kicked out just because of that. So I would entertain any questions or concerns. And, with that, I yield back the remainder of my time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. We are discussing the Smith amendment, number AM1687, to the committee amendments to LB 105. Senator Brown, on the Smith amendment.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, I would move to divide the Smith amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brown, would you please come forward. Okay. Senator Brown, recognize you to explain what you're doing.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am dividing out Section 2 from Section 1 and 3. Section 2 deals with eligibility for residency in...in public housing, in the portion that...when...when...when you're dealing with mixed income and the portion that is subsidized that...that you...you have to be at 80 percent or below of median income to be able to be eligible for that. And that is...that is something that I agree to and would urge the adoption of that portion of the Smith amendment. And then the other portions have to do with the upper income in the portion in mixed...in mixed income, the portion that is available to people who are not receiving a subsidy. And that's a part that is a little bit more difficult and...and it's a part that...that I intend to have some more to say about. But at this point in time, the two divisions are the eligibility for the subsidized portion at 80 percent, which is Section 2 of the Smith amendment, which I agree to. Thank you.