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quality standards, ventilation rates would have to be increased more than a thousandfold to reduce risk from cancer associated with ETS to a level considered acceptable to federal regulatory agencies. Such ventilation rate is impractical, since it would result in a virtual windstorm indoors. We need to be able to protect people from those properties that are in tobacco smoke, and what we're doing is just asking this industry to accommodate all the public and to say that our policy in regulation wants to make people free from the harmful effects of environmental tobacco smoke.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Aguilar, on the advancement of LB 750.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you to the body. I want to expand on an issue that Senator Preister started talking about. He was referring to a time when he was a youngster and had to work in a restaurant. Well, in today's society there is a lot more young people today working in restaurants, not because they choose to, because they have to. A lot of young people today have to work to make ends meet, and in most cases they ended up working in the food service industry. These young people, as well as the other workers there, are a captive audience. They cannot get away from this smoke. People are talking about smokers' rights and choices. Who is going to look out for the rights of these young people if we don't? Talk about big brother, well, I think this is a place big brother needs to get involved to protect the children of this state. I think this is a necessary entity. I also want to point out that we pass laws to make it illegal for children to smoke and possess cigarettes, but I guess it's okay if they go in a restaurant and smoke secondhand smoke. I think we really need to think about that and possibly support this bill from Senator Thompson. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. Senator Chambers, on the advancement.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is a society where more and more people eat out, not just the individual, but their family along with them. So, if we're going to talk about family values, which is something I never