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SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, honorable President. I would yield my time to Senator Beutler, if he would like it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, you have almost five minutes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, Senator Preister, thank you very much. We didn't get far enough in my conversation with Senator Jensen about the vision thing and where we're going with all this, so perhaps we can go a little bit further. But to the extent, for example, that public health, and you heard Senator Jensen describe that as being...its principal characteristic being that of preventative kind of medicine, to the extent that this Excellence in Health Care Fund should be about the establishment of a truly adequate public health system then one wants to ask the question, what could be more public health oriented than this bill that is before you today? Because, truly, the preventative aspects of this I can't...I can't imagine them being much greater in any other piece of legislation. So here we are where if the Excellence in Health Care Fund is to be about public health, then either this bill should be a part of it or, if this advisory council is going to have some kind of role in advising us, we should know how they feel about how this piece of legislation relates to the public health system, the vision of a public health system that we're trying to construct. It wasn't clear to me whether the construction of the vision of a public health system and/or any additional or supplemental vision that might be a part of the Excellence in Health Care Fund is to come from this advisory committee, or is it going to come from the Legislature itself, through an interim study or whatever. But the opportunities for executing in a logical and coherent fashion those systems that are envisioned is passing us by, session by session, as evidenced by the bill that's before us today. And I recognize that I'm asking a lot in a very short time period. But, having said those things, Senator Jensen, let me...let me ask you to comment on where the vision comes from, the way you're looking at it, from the Legislature or from this advisory council, and what might be the vision or the alternate visions of...or alternative visions of what might be done with this huge pile of