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abuse treatment. Right now, there's one housing unit that is a treatment unit, but we could have more treatment units in this facility. Thank you for your time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson and Senator Chambers. Senator Landis, on advancement of LB 652.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. On General File, I'd raise two questions, two issues, and I want to see whether or not my understanding is correct. I probably will be asking Senator Thompson to respond in a moment. I made two points. First, I had heard that there was some dissatisfaction from Lancaster and Douglas County juvenile judges that their ability to essentially prescribe a provider or to place a child would be essentially transferred to OJS and there was some concern, at least on their score, about that. Now, as I look at the amendment, that seems to be unchanged, which...and I'm going to ask for a moment to confirm whether that is still the situation. Secondly, my recollection is there's about three...someplace between three and four million dollars worth of services here that are currently being borne by the counties, which will essentially move to the state. My recollection is on General File that the transfer of responsibility (inaudible) was occurring, but without an A bill and without identified state funds for that purpose. If something is wrong with those two perceptions or they've changed I'd like to know that and, Senator Thompson, having described that, maybe you could give me a short...

SENATOR THOMPSON: (Laugh) I'll try.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...explanation; not to a chance to sell your bill, just an answer to the questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond, Senator Thompson?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Oh, well, that won't be any fun. On the back page of the yellow packet is the revised fiscal information and, as amended, there would be less money going for the secure youth transfer, but the same amount which you're referring to, which was the amount of money that the counties are now assuming and OJS would be picking up, because they would be responsible for