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adopted shall be sufficiently clear and measurable, and here's the key item, the standards adopted shall be sufficiently clear and measurable to legally enable a periodic statewide assessment of the mastering of the academic content by the school, public school students of this state. What happened was that the Attorney General's Opinion came along and said that the standards were too vague and, therefore, you could not require an assessment of students as against those standards. All this amendment is saying is to the board of education, go back and fix up those standards so that they're not too vague, so that we can follow through with the plan that we had until Friday of last week of testing all students in the state against the state standard. It's just repairing that item that was torn out of the plan on Friday and continues us on a course that we've all agreed upon in the past and there has been no discussion of departing from. The only reason that I think we're departing from it is because we got an Attorney General's Opinion that made it impossible to implement. This is saying repair the damage, make the standards right and proceed with the plan. That's all I intend to do. If there's more than that, I'd be glad to take it out of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. We've heard the opening on AM3091 to LB 812. Those wishing to speak, Senator Bohlke, followed by Senator Smith. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Given that we adopted the former amendment, I wholeheartedly support this amendment and think that we definitely should adopt it. If we have said that we are mandating the standards to the schools, certainly I would think that we would want them put in line and have those be as clear and specific as possible. And so I would urge your support of the Beutler amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Smith, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. If Senator Beutler might yield to a couple of questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, will you yield?