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need a simple amendment, I'm sure that we would look at that.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Okay. Well, it concerns me very much who could be an affected party and who could be filing some of these injunctions. So I would want to work on that issue. And I turn the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. The Chair recognizes Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Senator Schimek, members of the Legislature. I also rise as a member of the Health Committee to discuss LB 45, and also to mainly discuss the committee amendments to the bill. After a lot of debate in the committee about what was going to be included in the original bill, we seemed to come to an understanding or an agreement, with the work of Senator Thompson, and due in large part to the work of Senator Cunningham, to strike the new provisions of the bill and mainly go with the enforcement. And part of the reason behind that was...and I think this is something that needs to be brought to the members' attention...is, is that on January 15 the new rules and regulations were passed for the Clean Indoor Air Act. And you can get a copy of those, either from some of us that are on the Health Committee, or the Department of Health and Human Services. But it talks a little bit about the clarifying language that was done. They were in the works for about two years. And some of the concerns that we had, which took us quite awhile to get LB 45 out of committee, was, if we allow the enforcement and we strike the rest of this out, what are we enforcing? And it comes back down to the fact that you're either enforcing the existing statute, or you're enforcing the new rules and regulations that were just passed. And most people might not be aware of those. And so I hope in this process we can bring up a couple points. And one is, is that it's our understanding that if you were in compliance with the rules and regulations prior to January 15, the new rules and regulations, you're still in compliance. And so there is no major change there. Then you come to the other side of what we're discussing here, is, how do we enforce this? And I think Senator Janssen brings up a good point. And I think we need to look through this and make sure that we're not out to get people