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who are trying to do their best to abide by the law, and make sure that there's a proper procedure to ensure that individuals have recourse, or have a safety in place for them, one, to enforce the law, but also to make sure we're not out to get people, we're not out to try and demonize people, or do whatever, in their private place of business. So I think that when we talk about LB 45 with the committee amendment, which is obviously the only way I will support the bill, essentially just deals with enforcement. But you also have to look back. Then you say, well, what's in the enforcement of LB 45? Well, what's in statute is already in statute. The idea that Senator Cunningham brings up, the affected party, that is in existing law. But the question is, is that when you get to the enforcement, one, who is that affected party? And I think that's a good point that we need to clarify. The other side is, obviously, again, what are the rules that they're going to be enforcing? And it would be valuable for members to look at that, because we all get calls about individuals smoking in places that they're supposed against the law to do. And a lot of that comes under rules and regulations and what those definitions are. So I wanted to give a little background of the things that were discussed privately, as well as in the committee. And I know that this is an issue that we will probably be discussing for quite awhile. So with that, I thank the members for their attention.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Hartnett, you are next to speak.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam President, members of the body. Senator Byars, maybe Senator Thompson, did she say this has never been enforced? Is that...did I...it's unenforceable as it is now, and that's why we're doing it, to make it enforceable? Senator Thompson?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes. What...maybe I could back up, if you don't mind...

SENATOR HARTNETT: No, that would be...yeah...