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SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, thank you. A few general comments if I may. I thank Senator Landis and the...speaking for myself, I thank Senator Landis and the Revenue Committee for bringing us this subject matter. And the cynics who listen may say, oh, not really. And yet I say, yes, really. I might have preferred it in another form, another bill as the vehicle. But I recall 17 years ago when LB 775 was adopted. And however much or little conversation was had at the time, as Senator Landis says, it was 17 years ago. That's a long time ago. And our people, whether you're going door to door, or whether you're reading the public pulse, or whatever you're doing, our people have not had a recent opportunity to hear us discuss in depth why it is that some of us believe in LB 775, why we believe it is absolutely essential to "incentivize" economic development in our state. I think this is very much a discussion for this session, as much so as how we'll balance the budget, because if you want to talk seriously about the future, this, in my judgment, is the debate to participate in in all of its parts. And I, for one, could care less if this goes on at great length. It has been pop culture in this state for those who don't have responsibility, and/or maybe haven't been provided enough information by the system, or haven't had an opportunity, as we have, to focus upon the details, it's been pop culture to criticize and attack the LB 775 incentives. And that's easy and that's all good maybe. It's...it was particularly easy during the boom 1990s when everything was going just fine and government was growing and we had all kinds of revenue. And nobody wanted to talk anymore about the fact that we hadn't had any real growth, and when I talk about real growth, I'm talking about something to really be excited about, hadn't had any real growth for 100 years in our...whatever, and my figures may need to be updated. And if I'm wrong, you'll tell me. Thirty-eight states...38 counties in this state depopulating, more people dying than being born; 58 counties depopulating over 100 years. Well, the fact is now we're at the point where we can look and see what we have, where we've come from, how we got there, what the LB 775 incentives did for us, and where we would be today with regard to this...these deficits,...