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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Pedersen. Dwite, that is.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Synowiecki is 100 percent correct. But like Senator Brashear, and being a member of the working group, I will not going to be able to support this amendment. I do believe that it is something we need to do in the very near future. It is something that is going to be mandatory, I'm sure, as soon as we get LB 46 passed and on the books. Senator Synowiecki was not blowing any smoke. The drug and alcohol programs and the mental health programs are sorely hurting. We have two programs in Omaha...and I can't tell you about the rest of the state...that probation officers can refer to that get state money. One of them is called Family Services. They do outpatient treatment only. They have a three- to six-week waiting list just for an evaluation, let alone treatment. The only place we have for inpatient treatment is Campus for Hope under Catholic Charities, that gets some state money. They've got another six- to eight-week, and sometimes up to three-month waiting list for somebody to get into inpatient treatment. And they don't even do evaluations, in most cases, anymore, because they just can't get them on the waiting list. It is sorely needed. But being a member of the working group, this was not part of it. And for that reason alone, I am not going to support the amendment, but do tell you that it is something that we will be revisiting in the very near future. And I will help Senator Synowiecki in the future with it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Synowiecki, on your amendment.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Pedersen, I appreciate the moral support. I wish I could get you to support the amendment, though. Senator Brashear, you know, something that...what I meant to talk about, and I didn't have an opportunity to, is the duplication of services that this is going to do. As I mentioned, we already have an infrastructure for service delivery in place. Every county in the state is involved in that, through the region system. What