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court. I applaud their unprecedented collaborative effort in the Central Nebraska Drug Court. The United States Department of Justice has been encouraging the development of drug courts for over a decade now, and they provide funding, training and technical assistance. At the end of the program, there's a little ceremony they call a graduation. I've been to a drug court graduation and have seen the gratefulness of the participants, the satisfaction of the face of the judge that knows he or she has helped someone get their life back on track, and the smiling officer in the corner who knows drug court graduates are far less likely to be in handcuffs again anytime soon. The defendants referred to a drug court program are formerly...fully informed of all the rules of the drug court before participating. If they choose not to participate, they are prosecuted by traditional means. If the participant drops out of the program, they will be referred back to traditional prosecution methods. As far as the mechanics of the bill, LB 454 is very similar to the original drug court bill that we debated last session. Last year's bills made it to Final Reading, but because of an error on an amendment relating to the budget issue, I was forced to pull the bill at the last minute. This year we do not have that particular amendment to worry about. This bill is improved a bit from last year because there are two sections added at the request of Supreme Court Justice Wright. The first is a nondiscrimination clause relating to the application process of a drug court. The second revision is to the bail bond statute to allow a drug court judge to add the rules of the drug court program, such as no further drug use, as a condition of bond. LB 454 is a cost-saving measure. Here's why. It costs about \$22,000 to incarcerate a person for a year. It costs \$1,577 to have them on ISP, or intensive supervised probation, that may or may not include drug treatment. It is estimated to cost \$1,300 to \$1,600 to put a person through a drug court program for a year, including drug treatment. The best part: the participant pays a share of the costs. Let me say that again. The defendant or drug court participant is required to pay part of the cost of their treatment and drug court participation unless they absolutely cannot afford, but no one is turned away because of the lack of ability to pay. LB 454 has no fiscal impact to the state and General Fund because the community team in charge of the drug court is