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bringing my perspective...and I respect the Revenue Committee and where they are. This is a policy option that we're going to have to make this year to be able to get some of our problem with our budget corrected through a tax increase in this particular area. And that's one policy decision--how can we raise taxes to fill that gap? But we're going to have another option to talk about this that will not only increase that amount, but also take some of that amount and get to keeping people out of the criminal justice system that is breaking our budget. It is killing us. And we need to do some of those things that will create policy and system changes. And there isn't enough money to be able to do it. And I challenge you to ask any probation officer, any person in the state who deals with issues in criminal or juvenile justice, and ask them the question, can you get the kids in the programs? Can you get the people who should be in programs...can you do that? And they're not going to tell you that that's available. And we need that to be available. So I urge you to keep an open mind on this. And I understand why the Revenue Committee looks at it as numbers and balancing. But look at it from a broader perspective as a Legislature,...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...figuring out how we're going to handle these problems from...as they cost us in our Health and Human Services agency, as they cost us in our criminal justice agency, as they cost your local communities in law enforcement costs, in court costs, and social programs that...social services for people with addictions, and the problems on the street and with public safety in your community, because we don't treat. So I hope you'll keep an open mind and put this in balance. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bromm, members of the Legislature, I passed out a document to you. It's the second page of the committee amendments, and I added a couple of columns which I thought would be helpful to me and maybe to you in looking at the entire comparison. The two columns that I added to the