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LB 43

is an important piece that needs to be put back...put in statute. This was a clarification, but it kind of stirred up some of the issues that have been out there for a long time. So I did want you to know I have an LR on that and hopefully we'll work on some of those issues over the interim. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Further discussion on the committee amendment? There are no more lights on. Senator Brashear, did you wish to close on the committee amendment? He waives the opportunity. The question before the body is adoption of AM1246, offered by the Judiciary Committee to LB 43. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on adoption of the committee amendment, offered by the Judiciary Committee to LB 43. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful; amendment adopted. Discussion of the bill itself, LB 43; advancement of such? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, Senator Thompson, I just wanted to get a few facts straight with respect to the juvenile diversion program. It requires...the county attorney can establish it and requires the approval of the county board, it looks like, and then there's a sentence that indicates that if the county is part of a multicounty juvenile services plan the county attorney may establish the program in conjunction with other county attorneys. And I assume that all of that has already involved the approval of the participating county boards. Would that be correct?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes. The Legislature required all counties to have a juvenile services plan in place. It was through the same bill that this was part of. And so some counties, because of their size or because of the availability of services, have grouped up and this would allow them to operate a diversion