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juvenile court procedures or this diversion program, enormous differences could exist between how a county attorney chose to treat one person and how he might have chose to treat another. And sometimes part of this cycle we go through is to move from the statutorily clear and narrowly defined, to broader discretion and broader discretion, and then broader discretion is abused and so we turn around and start moving to narrower definitions and more confining statutory language for county attorneys. Are you comfortable that we've found some kind of balance here and that we're not going to end up with inequitable application of the law?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Senator Beutler, I am, but that response does not mean that I do not share in many areas, and you've heard me speak of them on the floor, that I don't share your concern about prosecutorial discretion and the possible inequities that occur from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, given the individualities of the prosecutor. But in this case I would honestly...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...like to suggest to you that we are better off rather than worse off. We're not...we are now enlarging without any standards or specifications discretion, and we are eliminating the necessity in a close call for the prosecutor to simply decide not to prosecute, and we dare not forget that that is always an option. So we are really enlarging the pool of alternatives for the prosecutor, and I like to think that that will benefit the juvenile because there can be the application of pretrial...the withholding of a charge and the use of pretrial diversion with the threat of the charge remaining fixed, rather than have it be something that must be decided and utilized. I hope that's helpful.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: So I think this is an improvement.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.