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programs that have been in existence for several years and assure that there will be one statewide certification program as originally intended in LB 94. Local programs will not administer their own certification licensing programs, which was a concern. The Department of Environmental Quality supports these technical changes and stated so in a letter that we received that said it will be beneficial to the department as well as beneficial to local governments. With that, Mr. President, I would certainly entertain any questions that anyone may have, but would encourage support of the bill so that these existing current programs, particularly in Douglas and Lancaster County, may be continued and continued in a way of saving money to the state so it wouldn't be a duplication. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. You've heard the opening on AM2492, offered by Senator Preister to LB 449. Open for discussion on that motion, Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I do support Senator Preister's amendment. We did pass LB 94 last year because of concerns about improper installation of sewer systems in this state and where they are being located, and septic systems, I should say, and where they are located and their potential to contaminate water. This was brought to us mainly by the city of Omaha and Lincoln and they want to add not only that you have to be a licensed engineer to install septic systems or inspect, but that a registered environmental health specialist can also be added to that list. And this is what they use in the cities right now to do that and they would like to continue to do that. I think it's appropriate and I would ask you to support Senator Preister's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Any further discussion? Seeing no lights on, Senator Preister, you...he waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is adoption of AM2492, offered by Senator Preister to LB 449. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is the Preister amendment to LB 449. We're voting on adoption of the Preister amendment, AM2492, offered by Senator Preister to LB 449. Have you all voted who care to? Have you