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divided committee amendments to LB 1083. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the first component of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment has been adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: ...the second component of the committee amendments involves Section 10 of the original committee amendments. (FA1574, Legislative Journal pages 1126-1127.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you. Section 10 is the division that shall...or sets up the division that shall encourage and facilitate the statewide development and provision of appropriate array of community-based behavioral health services and a continuum of care for the purposes of (a) providing a greater access to such services, improved outcomes for consumers of such services, and also reducing the necessity and demand for the regional center behavioral health services. The division is authorized to reduce and discontinue regional center behavioral health services, or to cease operation of a regional center if--and this is important--appropriate community-based behavioral health services or other regional center services are available for every person receiving regional center services that would be affected by such reduction, discontinuation, or closure. No further commitments, admissions, or readmissions for such services are required, due to the availability of community-based behavioral health services or other regional service...center services to replace such services. The division shall inform the Governor and the Legislature of intended reduction, discontinuation, or closure under this section, and shall provide detailed documentation of the community-based health services or other regional center services that are not being utilized to replace services that