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Health and Human Services pursuant to Section 69-2409.01. I would ask for your adoption to the amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. You've heard the opening on AM3102. Open for discussion. Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, we have proposed for Senator Jensen to be included in the E & R amendments a clarification matter of the costs relating to the mental health hearings. The effect of it is that if a mental health hearing is held for another Nebraska county, that the charges for that will relate back to the county of origin rather than the county that is holding those hearings. And take a city like North Platte. Because there are many smaller counties around there, the hearings that would take place in North Platte would emanate from those counties. And our county was a bit concerned that there might be a financial burden that they hadn't anticipated. So this just clarifies that the responsibility for this will be borne by the county submitting the person for the hearing. And we have checked with Senator Jensen's office and that will be included. It's not in currently, but that will be part of it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Further discussion on AM3102 to FA1579? Senator Erdman, followed by Senators Stuhr and Synowiecki. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I rise in support of Senator Jensen's amendment, and the work that they have undertaken on this issue is one that I think a lot of the discussion is going to be centered around the end result of LB 1083, but I think within that discussion we obviously have to have some of the other things come along, and one of those things is the provisions of LB 710. And I want to focus my comments mainly on one area, and that is the ability for the department or the ability for us to make sure that those individuals are placed in the appropriate facilities. We've talked quite a bit under LB 1083 about the opportunity for regional...or for community-based services, and we have some of those very outstanding services in western Nebraska. This