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postsecondary education institution. That can be done. In any event, I throw this open to your discussion. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on AM3500 to the committee amendments to LB 391. Open for discussion. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'm going to rise in opposition to Senator Beutler's amendment. We've talked about this issue privately and I think it's important for us to talk about...here's what I think we're using LB 391 for. We're going to talk about a lot of things, and we're going to talk about a lot of things we've always wanted to talk about in a lot of areas because committee amendment opens that up. Whether or not this is a good idea or not, I think we owe it to those individuals who would be affected by this to go through the process of having hearings or making sure that we understand this. But I think Senator Beutler is well within his right to offer this idea. We've opened up this section of law. He's going to present to us an idea that he thinks makes sense and that he thinks is good public policy, and he's going to proceed with this. For the body's information, we're trying to work out some questions as far as the underlying committee amendment. There are things that I think we can salvage in this. I think there are things that are extremely important that we do step forward and do now to address some inadequacies, and I think we need to do that this year. We're going to be working on that. And so, as time allows, I will update you as far as what the language is going to be. Some members have got in their...in their mind that this bill intended only to address a contracting problem. That's not actually the case. However, that issue is encompassed in the committee amendment and in the underlying bill. By simply lowering the age of majority you allow...I don't want to say "simply," because we've been on this for a couple hours and it's taken quite a while, but by lowering the age of majority you can allow those individuals to contract. Now, those would be individuals who are 18 years old. So by doing that, we can allow those individuals to contract for those services and those situations that Senator Chambers spoke of as well, so we're working out those issues and I hope that you will continue to