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that level of care that's necessary in these extreme cases to prevent them from harming themselves. Over here on the developmental disabilities side, there is no option for society to take care of that category of people. And you've obviously made a conscious decision to exclude that grouping. And I would yield to you the rest of my time to talk about why that was done and what the difference is and why the legal difference is justified in this instance.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would yield my time to Senator Byars.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars, you have about two, twenty-five.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Beutler. That's a very good question and very good thoughts, and I appreciate that a lot. To distinguish between a person with mental illness and the reasons for making a commitment versus a person with a developmental disability and this...what we're trying to accomplish in this legislation, and let me distinguish between the two. When you have a mental illness, many times it's not recognized by the system or the bureaucracy as we recognize it. It needs to come to the attention of the bureaucracy either through law enforcement, through family members, through circumstances that cause the rest of society, or even a small part of society, to recognize a person with the mental illness. Up until that time, it could be you or I here on the floor of the Legislature that have a mental illness but we might not even be aware of it, let alone those around us. A person with a developmental disability, and the piece that we passed as a Legislature last year and that we've been doing but not as efficiently, if you have a developmental disability, you're diagnosed with a developmental disability,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BYARS: ...and you have to be in order to enter the system, once you enter the system, you...we do an objective assessment process that looks at your needs. And this is done