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children to have tattooing and piercing done in areas that we would not be thinking about, and do provide some health hazards, in the fact that they often do not know how to care for the...after the procedure has been done, they don't know how to adequately prevent infections and such.

SENATOR BEUTLER:      Has there been a medical history of serious problems relating to infections on these matters?

SENATOR STUHR:      I think that's difficult. Sometimes they will come back to the practitioner and say, you know, what is the problem, when they haven't been...the aftercare hasn't been done properly. Yes, I'm sure there are cases. We don't have, you know, the documentation. I suppose we could ask for documentation. But there seems to be a concern. And the tattooing...I think oftentimes young people make decisions that they often regret. And parents. And sometimes children are used as pawns between a divorced couple. And one...they may have joint custody, and one parent agrees to it, the other parent does not agree to it, and...

SENATOR BEUTLER:      Well, this can happen with regard to any decision...

SENATOR STUHR:      Yes. Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER:      ...in a divorce situation.

SENATOR STUHR:      Right.

SENATOR BEUTLER:      I guess, you know, my main question is, is this really a health problem? Or are we just culturally deciding that we don't like this practice, so parents and kids who think it's a great thing, they're...we're just not going to allow them to do it? Which is it? Is it...?

SENATOR STUHR:      I personally believe it is a health concern. The practitioners actually wanted it included last year when we passed the body art legislation. I did not include it at that time, because I felt it was essential to at least get, you know, the main part, and so that they would become licensed. And did