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introduce it this year. There was no opposition at the hearing,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR STUHR: ...in...you know, at the...on this provision.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And then the provision with regard, prohibiting body piercing under age 16, that excludes earlobes?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, that excludes earlobes. And...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And the reason that we're doing this is also a health reason?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, it is.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It's healthy for earlobes, but not...

SENATOR STUHR: Yes. It...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...in other places?

SENATOR STUHR: ...has to do with the amount of blood that is in the lower portion of your ear. And it does heal, and the chances for infection are less.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR STUHR: And that is why.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And it's not just a cultural thing? It's a health...

SENATOR STUHR: Right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...it's a health thing again, is...

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...would be your assertion?