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seems to be a general recognition that there is indeed a corresponding relationship between public expenditures for Medicaid and private sector employee health benefits. I agree with Senator Erdman, Senator Chambers. We'll work together, between now and Final Reading, and work with the department to come up with some language that works, so that we can have this important data as we embark on looking at this situation. Very briefly, Senator Chambers' amendment focuses on employers that have a contract under the Employment and Investment Growth Act and then sorts of programs, while mine does not. Mine has a 25-employee threshold, so that our focus is on our larger employers. Other states that have done this have found some very, very interesting information compiled. And we need to have that. We need to have the information, I think, as we embark on looking at some LB 775 retooling legislation. It would be wonderful if we had this type of data and information at our disposal. And hopefully we can work with the department to get some of this data without this amendment, and that we can have this type of information as we embark on conversations relative to retooling our incentive programs in our state. I want to thank again the members. I want to thank Senator Erdman, and we will...I will withdraw the amendment, with the agreement that we will work between now and Final Reading, to reconcile Senator Chambers' approach and my approach into one amendment. Thank you, Senator Cudaback, and with that, I withdraw AM1209.

SENATOR CUDABACK: AM1209 is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, next motion.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would offer AM1135.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, to open on AM1135.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I will withdraw that amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: AM1135 is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, anything further on the bill?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further.