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voting on the adoption of the committee amendments offered by the Revenue Committee to LB 40. Voting on adoption of the committee amendments. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The committee amendments are adopted. Anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Discussion of advancement itself, LB 40, to E & R Initial? Those wishing to discuss advancement? Seeing there are no lights on, Senator Redfield, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the body. I appreciate your patience as we have had a lengthy discussion, and I hope that you better understand how the Affordable Housing Trust Fund works and what we are trying to accomplish through the amendment in this bill. I would like to give the remainder of my close to Senator Synowiecki who has prioritized this bill, and I thank him for his help on this measure. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Synowiecki, you're recognized.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. Thank you, Senator Redfield. I just want to thank you for all of your efforts. This is an important, critical component to our mental health reform movement in the state. The housing component is what was lacking. This body, very well-intentioned, set-aside \$2 million last year for rental assistance and so forth for those that are suffering with mental illness. Unfortunately, for one reason or another, that money has not gotten to the targeted population. This is our efforts to do it correctly and to get the money to the Department of Health and Human Services and then to disburse the money equitably through the regional behavioral health system. And I