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the conviction whenever the fact of conviction is relevant to a determination of the sex offender's risk of recidivism. LB 123 also added a provision requiring persons to...registered under the Sex Offender Registration Act to notify the sheriff of the county in which they are located within five days if the person does not have a residence or is not temporarily domiciled, and to update the sheriff at least every 30 days while such person remains without a residence. Lastly, the bill expands purposes for which information collected under the Sex Offender Registration Act may be disclosed. Currently, the law allows information to be disclosed to government agencies other than law enforcement only for the purpose of conducting background checks for employment purposes. LB 123 expands this language to allow information to be disclosed to governmental agencies for public safety purposes, and directs the Nebraska State Patrol to develop rules and regs governing the release of such information. The committee amendment changes LB 123 in three ways. The amendment strikes a section of the bill requiring homeless sex offenders to inform the sheriff within 5 days of becoming homeless, and every 30 days thereafter if they remain homeless. Secondly, the amendment adds healthcare facilities providing services to children or vulnerable adults to the list of entities, that would also include schools and day-care facilities, to which the State Patrol is required to distribute the list of offenders with a moderate risk of recidivism. Lastly, the bill strikes the proposed language allowing the State Patrol to share confidential information on sex offenders with other state agencies for any public safety purpose, and instead expands the purposes for which sharing of the information is allowed to include background checks of volunteers. The committee amendment to LB 713 was advanced from committee without opposition. I would encourage the committee...or the body to support its adoption, but I also am asking that you support the next amendment, AM1344, which strikes those provisions of the bill that are the most contentious and the ones which we were unable to obtain consensus on. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne, opening on the Judiciary Committee amendments. Mr. Clerk, motion on the desk, please.