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willing to answer this?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Sure. We have existing systems that need our constant monitoring, supervision and support. In fact, this Legislature has done, at the behest of Governor Johanns, a major investment in caseworkers. We still have and in fact recently just changed today the membership on the Foster Care Review Board for the purpose of making sure there was oversight. If we were to make gains it would be in monitoring and training foster care parents, it would be in making sure that there's adequate personnel so that the people needs and linkages could be made. And let me tell you what the kids say. The kids say the system would be better if they talked to the caseworker directly, if they were told the status of their placements and if they had a chance to interact with the system personally and directly rather than having all the adults talk and no one listen to them.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Senator Landis. I think that is very true, because I think, you know, the youth that are being placed in different situations, just different homes, as many as possibly 15 to 18 placements in the lifetime of a foster child, and I think that is a real disruption to the kids in their upbringing. So if we could help it in any way, I would be, you know, really happy about that part of it. And I really am, you know, concerned and I want those youth, you know, to be part of it, to address the concerns that they have. Because I think that's where the real need comes from, is those people. If we're just talking to the parents and we need to really improve the situation and the training for the foster care parents because you know as well...everyone knows as well as I do, you know, some of them are very good and other ones are in for the money part of it. But I am really concerned and I hope we can do this. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. On with discussion. Senator Howard.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the