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in a manner following the Every Woman Matters Program as a follow-up. We just don't have the money for that sort of a program. But it's coming to me out of the blue on this particular bill, and I'm trying to point out to you the concerns that I have for this legislative body thinking that they're passing a law that is going to go into effect, that's going to be on the law books. It's not. What's going to go on the record is the fact that there is an intent to want to do these sorts of things. But it should have been brought up in the bill itself, and then it would be law of the state. We could discuss the issues. And the issues that Senator Preister is talking about are very viable. What is the long-range cost of this particular proposal? I would urge you to reconsider this. I think this bill can come up on the floor as LB 1242, we can discuss these issue, but not try to peripherally put it into the budget bill and think that we're accomplishing the intent, because we're not. We're just putting words, and they will not be part of the law. They will be merely advisory. So with that, I would urge you to reconsider this. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Further discussion? Senator Erdman, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I think it's a healthy discussion, and I think it's appropriate to question. I think that's what this process is. And you know, it kind of brings me back to where we were at the end of last session on the budget. We were questioning things that were going into the budget, and whether or not they were appropriate. I guess the irony is, is that this doesn't ask for more money, but yet there is a desire to do that. And again, I think that is appropriate. Should it be under LB 1242, which has advanced out of the committee, or here? I think that's a fair discussion, but just a few things. Senator Schimek's testimony that she read, I believe, could be interpreted against the green copy of the bill. And if you read the green copy of LB 1242, which was the original idea, it would have actually precluded those providers. It would have done those horrible things of taking away their right to provide