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could bid it out. If they wanted to bid it out, they could, they...but within the range that Senator Brown is discussing. I think we should reconsider. I think we're mucking up a whole set of programs or one program that...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...worked very well. I don't think we should be setting policy this way. And I think changing the way women who come into the program can get those services really harms our ability to help them, and I really...you know, if the department doesn't have the guts to bid it out, that's their problem. If there's a substantive difference, I think we should just take that last part out, as Senator Schimek said, and if the issue here is open it up for bids, they can currently do that. If you want to emphasize that, I suppose we could put another amendment on. But I don't think we should be changing the structure of the program, weakening the ability to effectively serve women who need the help. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Further discussion? Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. I understand, was talking to some people who know what's going on here, that there are approximately 14 facilities now that are providing these services. Now, I would imagine that they, most of them, are in the eastern third of the state and those facilities are quite limited on what kind of services they could provide because of the funding. But if we're going...you know, if we...if we start contracting with other entities throughout the state, which needs to be done, you know, I'll go along with that, I mean there shouldn't be anyone in this state who is not accessible to a facility where they can get some help. And that is the intent of the legislation the way it is, and that's the intent of Senator Foley's amendment. He would like to see more facilities throughout the state, and absolutely true. But that...there is going to be a cost to that. Now, are we going to, if the proposal that I have before, if that doesn't...if that doesn't happen and we're still going to have to, under Senator Foley's bill, provide more areas that