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This bill, I am told, will be advanced by the Judiciary Committee in the very near future. LB 1086 would provide resources relative to the assessment components of LB 1253, the justice component, and serves to coordinate and deliver an array of community-based services to address issues related to prostitution. These services may address issues including substance abuse, mental health disorders, lifestyle choice, workforce assessment, and education. LB 1086 seeks to create a coordinated array of community-based services to reduce the prevalence of prostitution and improve the quality of life for residences and businesses that are currently impacted by prostitution activity. This bill would appropriate resources to regional behavior health authorities that can demonstrate a high incidence of prostitution. The regional behavioral health authorities will then use the funds to develop a coordinated program of treatment and education for individuals that participate in prostitution related activities. I do believe that state resources are now needed to intervene and help respond to the demonstrated needs of those involved in prostitution activity. Sending these individuals to jail without any resources for intervention or treatment is shortsighted. I do believe a comprehensive approach is needed. Senator Cudaback, as the Clerk indicated, there are no committee amendments. However, I have a pending amendment which I will explain when we get to the amendment, that was...had thorough involvement from the Health and Human Services staff, committee staff, and as well as Senator Jensen. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. As stated by the Clerk, there are amendments. Mr. Clerk, first amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Synowiecki would move to amend with AM2429. (Legislative Journal page 1001.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Synowiecki, you're recognized to open on AM2429.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. As I indicated, Jeff Santema, the counsel with Health and Human Services, my staff, and with the help of Senator Jensen, and in