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SENATOR D. PEDERSON: You've never introduced this bill before?

SENATOR HOWARD: No.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Okay. Well, I think the way that you do it ordinarily is that you present a proposal and the Appropriations Committee determines whether or not additional funds should be put in for a certain purpose. I don't know what this accomplishes by saying it's our intent to appropriate. You either appropriate or you don't appropriate, and I think to designate that you're going to say, ten social workers, how do we know it should be ten social workers? I mean, there's no underlying story in connection with this, and for that reason, I think you should have presented this in a way that...there's a financial obligation that you're contemplating, but certainly not enforcing, or not providing for, and I think before you say that it's the Legislature's intent that we do something, I think it should be presented to the Legislature and have the Appropriations Committee...have the committee make a determination or present it to the Health and Human Services Committee with an A bill. But nothing has been presented to our committee, and I just don't think there's any reason for us to be acting upon your proposal. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Further discussion on the Howard amendment? Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I'd like to engage in a little conversation with Senator Howard, if I may, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Howard, would you yield to a question of Senator Stuthman?

SENATOR HOWARD: Yes.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Senator Howard, this...was this bill...was this amendment heard by the Health and Human Services Committee?

SENATOR HOWARD: Senator Stuthman, no, it was not. I didn't get