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SENATOR CORNETT: Yes, basically it is.

SENATOR BOURNE: And...

SENATOR CORNETT: And we know...and I know that LB 1024 addresses part of the agreement issue. Our concern is with LB 1024, that both school districts would have to agree to a change in the boundary at the new committee level.

SENATOR BOURNE: Can you tell me specifically which--and I'm familiar with the issue; there was, as Senator Kopplin mentioned, an area that was part of an agreement.

SENATOR CORNETT: Yes, the Golden Hills area.

SENATOR BOURNE: Situation or circumstances have changed. Can you tell us what exactly in LB 1024, what in that bill takes care of the partial portion of your issue?

SENATOR CORNETT: Well, and I will be honest, LB 1024 is a very, very large amendment, and to try and digest that much material and understand how it fully impacts your district in the amount of time that we had or have had to this debate, is very difficult, particularly for someone without an education background. But from what I have been able to discern from it, it addresses the issue that they cannot legislate, or cannot have an agreement where the school district is not allowed to speak with their senator in regards to this issue. That is part of the agreement, that Bellevue would never go to the Legislature or seek legislative action to change the boundary.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, was...

SENATOR CORNETT: And we feel that impinges on our school district's First Amendment right to be able to speak.

SENATOR BOURNE: And is that gag order still in place?

SENATOR CORNETT: It is currently in the court system and is currently in place, yes.