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SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, so what is the status of that? Basically, the city of Bellevue was prohibited by law; they have an injunction to prohibit them from hiring a lobbyist; is that correct?

SENATOR CORNETT: They...that part of the agreement was lifted, and they have hired a lobbyist, but the school district itself cannot come to their senator and speak to the issue of the boundary. They cannot seek legislative action. I brought this forward on my own, the original bill, because of the gag order, basically.

SENATOR BOURNE: Right.

SENATOR CORNETT: They are not allowed to speak freely.

SENATOR BOURNE: And I remember you and I had a discussion after that hearing. I was curious as to where Superintendent Deegan was, and you had indicated to me that he was prohibited from attending, and he wasn't there.

SENATOR CORNETT: No one that represents the Bellevue School District can attend any legislative hearing or speak on their own behalf at a legislative hearing that deals with the boundary issue.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, and earlier today I had reviewed or looked at a copy of a memo or a letter that Superintendent Deegan had. Does this amendment address the concerns that the city of Bellevue had regarding the issue, or no?

SENATOR CORNETT: I actually had to be off the floor for a meeting with a constituent, so I must have missed that.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay.

SENATOR CORNETT: I apologize, but I don't know the letter that you're speaking of.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. It was something...and you know, I've