

February 2, 1995 LB 83, 93

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 93.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 93 advances. LB 83.

CLERK: Madam President, LB 83 was a bill originally introduced by Senator Cudaback and others. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 5 of this year, at that time referred to the Health Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Health and Human Services Committee, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely on the committee amendments.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President and members of the Legislature. LB 83 is a bill introduced primarily by Senator Cudaback. He worked on this bill for several years. I know we had a similar bill two years ago that simply ran out of time. The version of the bill that we considered last year, after the committee looked at the issue, worked on the issue, is what we're trying to do with the committee amendments. The bill as introduced was back to the original bill that had been introduced a couple of years ago and there were a number of problems with that version of the bill. So the committee did work in conjunction with the Department of Health to make some changes that we feel alleviated some of the concerns there were with the legislation. Electrolysis is the electronic or electrical, I should say, surgical removal of hair to...it's a profession that ties in a bit with cosmetology, but is not distinctly part of cosmetology. So rather than have an independent electrology board, the thought was let's use the cosmetology board and just add a member who would be an electrologist, and that should cut down on the extra cost and expense of having a separate board. So that's one of the committee amendments that we include in the bill. We also recognize some problems with the fees in the original version of the bill, and we made those more consistent with the other different health professions that are licensed. We allow...the bill originally had a grandfather clause but didn't indicate how you qualified for it. So we require six months of electrology practice, prior to the effective date of the act, in order to be grandfathered into the bill. Again, we're talking about a license here, so if you don't have the license, you can't