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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you, Senator. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. We're discussing the advancement of LB 451. Those wishing to speak are Senators Hilgert, Dwite Pedersen, Senator Thompson and Senator Wehrbein. Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. President, members. On page 14 there is intent language of the bill, and it says, it is the intent of the Legislature to insure that a consistent and objective method of juvenile intake occur throughout the state for juveniles held in temporary custody by law enforcement officers. It goes on to further...further to say, to avoid either inappropriate or unnecessary detention of juveniles which may result in inordinately high detention rates, overcrowding of local detention facilities, excessive detention costs for counties, and adverse consequences for the juvenile, the juvenile's family or the community. My question to Senator Thompson, if she'd yield, is this, the intent language does...it seems to presuppose an existence of inappropriate detention by the government of juveniles. And I was wondering, to what extent this occurs? And do you have any statistics in Douglas County of the inappropriate detention of juveniles?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson, will you yield, please?

SENATOR THOMPSON: My answer would be, yes. And I do...I don't have it on the floor, but we did get some statistics from...from Douglas County, and I'd be happy to provide that to you.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you.

SENATOR THOMPSON: But we know that our system...we are...we lock up more kids as a state than the rest of the country. We know that we our minority overrepresentation is high, and we know that females being incarcerated are high.