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LB 417

General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Tom Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Madam Chairman and members of the Legislature, LB 417 is one of those bills that we occasionally get in here that we need to pass in order to comply with some of the regulations at the federal level. LB 417 implements legislatively a part of our Constitution that says that the Legislature may provide that the state may receive money from the federal government and distribute it in accordance with the terms of any such federal grants as long as no public funds of the state or any political subdivisions is involved. And that is the purpose of LB 417. The State Board of Education currently doesn't have that authority. This would grant the State Board the authority to use the funds that the Perkins Vocational Education Act allocated to community based organizations. And I can give you a few examples of those organizations but it is basically under the Job Training and Partnership Act as well as this vocational act that I just mentioned to you. So this is simply an authorizing piece of legislation in order to use federal funds that come to this state for those various educational purposes. I would urge the adoption of LB 417.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: A question of Senator Vickers, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Certainly.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Tom, do I understand that this isn't being done now? Is that the intent of the legislation?

SENATOR VICKERS: Excuse me, that it isn't being done now?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yeah. Yes, that it is not being done now?

SENATOR VICKERS: It is not being done now because we do not have the...the State Board does not have the authority to do