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LB 931, 1080

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you. I wanted to ask Senator Warner just a brief explanation on this is all.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, Senator Warner, are you available? All right, we have a question for you and would you respond to Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Eliminate review requirement for nonstate funds, I wasn't here, Senator, before. I haven't had a chance to study all of these. Could you just tell me why or what we are eliminating the review for nonstate funds?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, Senator Higgins, this bill repeals a section of statute which was we referred to an 895 review by policy research. It was processed. It was established in the late '60s, I think, perhaps early '70s, where the review for various grants that state agencies would make for federal funds had to be processed through policy research. They used to be processed through the Legislature as well. Those kind of grants, block grants just virtually do not exist and, in fact, what has developed is mostly a paper processing mill. The same kind of checks do continue. We used to have specific funding to do that. That funding has been eliminated, either the regular or special session last year, and so this is just to get the statute in conformance with what we do and we no longer have the requirements and the money to do it.

SENATOR HIGGINS: In other words, you are eliminating something that is bureaucratic.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay, thank you, Senator.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the advancement of LB 1080. All those in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. LB 931.

CLERK: 931, I do have E & R amendments pending, Senator.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would move the E & R amendments be adopted.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You have heard the motion. All those in favor