

a copy of that on your desks. It doesn't change an...because there was a fiscal note attached to the bill, it would have cost, if the E clause had been...remained a part of the bill, about \$180,000 of General Fund money, and by removing the E clause about 150,000. So what we decided to do then was to say, okay, if...we discussed this in some depth yesterday. And we decided that it's more important for the feds to perceive our state as making an effort to comply with federal regulation, and perhaps they would not place a sanction on the state, in the next year, if this were attached, so that they see that we're making an effort, because according to the Department of Social Services there are a few of these cases that could be processed. And so what we've done is we add a section on the end that simply says, the Department of Social Services may, periodically, review cases of individuals receiving enforcement services, and make referrals to the county or authorized attorney, rather than shall. This then precludes them from having to hire staff people, at this point in time, and yet allows a few of those cases, perhaps as there is time, with present staff and with the county attorneys, to process a few of these claims. And so that's the purpose of the amendment. It's to remove the A bill or the fiscal note, in other words. And I ask for your support to this amendment to my amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Smith. I'll now recognize senators who wish to address the amendment to the amendment. Senator Hefner. Senator Schmit. Okay. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, Madam President. I rise to support the amendment to the amendment. I think anything that we can do to help the children of this state, we should do. I had a little problem with the bill at first because of the fiscal note that was associated with it. The fiscal note for LB 457 is approximately \$24,000, and the bill that Senator Smith had was about 180,000. Although I'm very supportive of it, I was worried that that \$180,000 might eventually stop the other bill from passing. And so by taking the funding out it has really helped get the bill passed. And so I'm very supportive of Senator Smith's amendment. I think it's a good addition, and hopefully everyone else will, too. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Wickersham, do you wish to address this amendment? Okay. Senator Nelson.