

or your staff.

SENATOR ABOUD: Right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I was just...I wasn't clear on whether the two-year rule repre...what that represented in terms of changes in Nebraska law over...

SENATOR ABOUD: What...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...what currently exists?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time. Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, I rise, just very briefly. I'm going to give the rest of my time to Senator Abboud who had a hand in drafting this. One of the things that we are doing here is cutting out a public hearing that is in Nebraska law that's not in the federal law. Now under normal circumstances, I love public hearings. I am a big fan of public hearings, but this public hearing slows the process down by about 12 to 18 months, and you know what you get when you get through the public hearing? You get a letter that says, well, you are right but go to court and sue. Here is your right to go to court letter, and you can take with you our recommendations as to what you should receive. Good luck! Why bother. Why bother taking 12 to 18 months, making somebody go through that kind of an effort so that they then get a letter to right to sue in court, go to court, sue in court. So for that provision, I think we've made a substantive advantage. I will yield the rest of my time to Senator Abboud, who had a significant hand in the drafting of this language.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Madam Chair and members, the idea behind the bill or the amendment in its entirety was to mirror federal law. When LB 124 was brought into the committee, the proponents, Senator Landis and the other members that supported it, as well as the proponents, and there were no opponents there, but the business people that I had talked to about this had no problems with the federal law. And when the constitutional issue was raised by Senator Hohenstein, we decided to go back and pull out the federal law in this area,