@rudifa working on https://github.com/cue-lang/cue/issues/2567

My opinion:

• cue fmt (parser + formatter) should respect the author's intended comments purpose

My understanding of cue comment kinds and what to do about them:

- . Inline comment (follows a syntax element and terminates the line)

 - user says something about the syntax element preceding it
 cue fmt should not separate the comment from its element (should not insert anything between them; should not move the comment to another line)
- . Doc comment (one or more comment lines directly above a syntax element, without an intervening blank line)
 - user says something about the element that follows
 - formatter should not separate the doc comment from the element, e.g. in simplifying the cue expression, requested with -s option or not
- . Floating comment or group (one or more contiguous comment lines, separated from the next syntax element by a blank line, possibly not separated from the preceding element)
 - $\,\,$ + $\,$ user says something about the cue file or a part of the file
 - $\bullet\$ cue fmt should not attach the comment to the preceding element

| comment kind | cue implementation + observed behaviour | opinions |
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| Line comment (follows a syntax element and terminates the line) | Parser attaches it to a nearby Node (sometimes the Node that contains the syntax element) In several issues, the formatter misplaces the comment | Line comment should perhaps be attached to the Node representing the syntax element immediately preceding it, not to the parent Node of the element |
| Doc comment or group (one or more comment lines directly above a syntax element, without an intervening blank line) | Mostly formatted correctly Investigate: case of Doc comment misplaced in simplification | |
| Floating comment or group (one or more contiguous comment lines, separated from the next syntax element by a blank line, possibly not separated from the preceding element) | Parser identifies it as !(Line Doc) Investigate: case of comment following an import statement that `cur fmt` places into the import clause | It might be necessary to create a separate Node to contain the CommentGroup in this case |