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they went to the academy, or, in the case of deputy sheriffs in the various smaller counties that had no background in law enforcement or were interested, and the same sort of costs were incurred and then the larger departments in the state that were able to pay a much higher salary and benefits were able to wean away from them, by more attractive job officers...job office...offers, those officers that they had spent local resources to help pay for the training, paying for the training being the salary and the expenses incurred in going to the academy. This, I think, may...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...may be of some help. One minute? It may be of some help in that area that it will give the larger departments perhaps a source of human resources that doesn't come from the small communities and the cherry-picking, so to speak, from the county sheriff's department across the state to move the better officers, those with greater potential, into the more highly paying, more highly compensated departments. So, with that, I'll view...listen to the debate on LB 994 carefully to make sure that somehow or the other we're not throwing the baby out with the bathwater while we're trying to make improvements. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Beutler, on FA297.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, Senator Pedersen, if I could engage you in a little dialogue, I'd like to understand better how this works. I'm afraid I need a little background information. And I might mention, while you're going to your microphone, on page 7, line 1, there's a...there's a word that needs to be changed, "to" to "or". That might be picked up on Select File. Basically, my questions have to do with...with understanding the funding system as it exists now and then what we're going to, because it's not quite clear to me how that...how that all works. Right now, everybody is trained in one academy. Is that right? Okay. And that's funded by the \$550,000 that comes from the \$2 fee and some General Funds?