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SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: (Microphone malfunction) (inaudible).

SENATOR BEUTLER: How much?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: I should have that, but I do not.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, but those are the two sources of funding. Now, under the new system, the colleges, the community colleges, all of these different entities under programs that will be set up by the academy will be authorized to have these certification programs, right, under certain conditions?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Not...not to actually do the certifying. What they would be doing is taking most of the academic courses and offering them in the...in their schools so the person who wants to become a police officer takes them courses beforehand, which will free up spaces in the academy for the rest of the training, which we figure we should get somewhere in the neighborhood of about 24-25 percent more police officers trained in a year's time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So everybody that's going to the community colleges and the other places for the academic portion will also be going to the academy to finish up.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Yeah, after they finish their academics then they apply to the academy to come, but they're moving some of the courses out of the academy to these colleges. There's a unique part, if I may take just a second and add to this. This will also make it available so these people can apply for school loans, which they cannot now for the very few people who do get on a...get into the academy on a tuition basis, which is very, very few. But at universities and in community college they would be eligible for school loans.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. That's great. Now let's...let's take a specific example. Let's say Joe and Jill go to the community college and they...there's a program set up in Northeast Community College and they take the academic programs that are in...in the program, the academic courses that are in the program. Now, the council is going to set tuition and fees for that course?