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SENATOR SCHMITT: Okay. Thank you, Senator Pedersen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate on the amendment to the amendment? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, members of the Legislature, Senator Pedersen, could I make a little inquiry, please? If we adopt this amendment, as I understand it, we're losing about a half a million dollars in revenue. And I assume, under the way that the bill was set up, that that half million dollars in revenue was needed for some purpose, correct?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: You're right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So, that half a million dollars in revenue, is that going to be requested then out of General Funds?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: At this point, Senator, as you know, this amendment would not take place for seven years. That money would probably have to be made up and we'd have to look at other options in how it would be made up, whether it would be made up in the fees, or General Fund, or, you know, repeal what we're doing now. But it would, at this point, yes, because that money is, in the bill as it originally read, was going to be used for continuing education and for the...to pay for tuition for those people who couldn't afford it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The...examine with me, for a minute, what happens with respect to local political subdivisions, sheriff's offices or small town police forces who need police officers under the way the bill will work now. Previously, one of the burdens on them was that they were often participating in the funding for the training of police officers that didn't stay with them for very long, for example, or at least that was one major problem, as I understand it. Under the system that would go into place with this bill, these local entities, would they...what would they be paying in terms of any portion of the cost?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: At this...

SENATOR BEUTLER: With respect to the training in the community