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commercial driver's license, in line with what the federal, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Act required. And there are some changes in statutes dealing with the proposed rules and regulations, what we can do. There is a sanction to this bill. We need to get it done. Failure to comply with the federal regulations by September 30, 2005, would result in loss of federal funding. So this is another one of those bills, and that federal funding does amount to a lot of money. It is \$9 million the first year; \$17 million the second. But what it does is get our reporting requirements on commercial drivers' licenses and school bus licenses into compliance with the federal guidelines and regulations. With that, I would be glad to answer any questions, return the rest of my time to the Chair. It did come out of committee 7 to 0. We had one senator absent; no opposition to it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. You've heard the opening on the advancement of LB 562 by Senator Baker. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Baker, there are no senators wishing to speak. He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is advancement of LB 562 to E & R Initial. All in favor of the motion vote aye, and opposed nay. The question before the body is advancement of LB 562 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 562.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 562 does advance to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

CLERK: LB 562A by Senator Baker. (Read title.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, to open on advancement of LB 562A.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I appreciate the understanding of the body here. We have a series of these bills. They came out together, obviously, and we're trying to get through them all. LB 562, as I said, changed some