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SENATOR BAKER: Yes, I would.

SENATOR BOURNE: Senator Baker, I guess the reason I'm asking you some questions and kind of exploring this a little bit is that I think that this is a fairly significant policy change that merits a little longer discussion than an hour, hour and a half. And I was wondering, I had heard Senator Kruse talk about the fact that this was based on an interim study. Can you tell me a little bit about the interim study? Who was a participant in that?

SENATOR BAKER: You know, I can't. I honestly don't know.

SENATOR BOURNE: That was when Senator Bromm was the Chair of the Transportation Committee?

SENATOR BAKER: Well, I don't know that we...I am sorry. It was chaired apparently by Vice Chairman Jim Jones, and I don't recall the interim...the hearing.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, were you on the committee at the time or...

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, I was.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay, I mean...I see that there is...we're looking at a committee amendment that is in excess of 60, 62 pages, and I'm just wondering, you know, you're saying...I mean you're feeling this is a pretty significant policy change, and I'm just wondering what, you know what had been done? Have we taken other states' laws? Have we...is it a modification of ours? Are we basing it off of what other states are doing? I'm concerned about the seizure stuff that Senator Beutler had mentioned. Is that patterned off another state?

SENATOR BAKER: It's been brought to my attention that we do need to do some work on that seizure section and I'm sure that legal counsel of our committee, who is not here today in the Capitol at all, will work on that. I think part of the change is that LB 208 was a rearrangement of statutes, obviously, with DWI convictions and so on, the process. And that was the major