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SENATOR SMITH: I'm not certain. It's right about even with the demand, as I understand, and the course is subsidized...

SENATOR BOURNE: Now...

SENATOR SMITH: ...through some of the fees.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...but of course, if we have to run...is it 51,000 or is it 26,000 licensed motorcyclists in the...?

SENATOR SMITH: It's closer to 51,000 licensed motorcycles, but there are some...

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay.

SENATOR SMITH: ...riders that have more than one bike.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. So what...if we have enough capacity right now for a training class that's one thing, but if we're going to run another 51,623 motorcyclists through this training course, I mean, this could be years before they could all get through this training. Is that accurate?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, that is accurate.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. I'm struggling as to what to do here. I think Senator Beutler has a...I don't want to say a nugget of an idea, but it's a good idea, but I don't know how realistic it is to think that we can funnel 50-some thousand people through training without significantly expanding the capacity to train. You know, I'm kind of struggling. I'm looking for ideas here. It seems to me maybe if we had a time frame, you know, that they could...you know, the law could go into effect but they had three years or something to go through this training. I don't know. I mean it just seems to me that we're going to...we have a limited capacity to train right now and if we try to funnel some 51-52 thousand people through a training program, I don't know how realistic it is to think that that could be done, at least any time in the near future. I'm going to continue to listen to the debate. I just...I just don't see how this is