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SENATOR LANDIS: So \$100,000 is rare, but let's...\$50,000, can we use \$50,000?

SENATOR BOURNE: That \$50,000 is perfect,...

SENATOR LANDIS: Okay.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...and I'm not trying to make it higher...

SENATOR LANDIS: Gotcha.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...than it is. I'm simply trying to understand what the amendment does. All right, say that they come up with \$50,000 worth of credit, and I absolutely agree with you that the biggest problem with our incentive program is we're not "incenting" in the rural areas.

SENATOR LANDIS: Right.

SENATOR BOURNE: So what would happen, say this entity had zero income and they, yet, were able to qualify for \$50,000 worth of credits, so what you would suggest, and...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...correct me if I'm wrong, they would get a check for \$50,000 from the state?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Vrtiska, followed by Senators Beutler, Smith, Jones, Landis, Stuhr, Raikes, and Bourne.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Mr. President, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I, first of all, stand in opposition to Senator Smith's amendments for the simple reason, it's already been stated, there are an opportunity for those larger cities to already qualify, and many of them have, if you'll look at the record. Many of them have qualified under LB 775 and this would give them another chance, and also the fact that, as indicated, they can move outside of that area and still qualify if they were in the county. So I have to respectfully oppose that. I