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that already have body art facilities now? And, you know, whether we agree with having body art or not, should we basically provide...should the Legislature provide a level of protection to those people in the industry, such that the price of body art is increased exponentially, due to the fact that so few people will be able to do it after the passage of the bill?

SENATOR STUHR: Are you asking me?

SENATOR BOURNE: I am.

SENATOR STUHR: I don't believe so. When we started talking about tattooing and piercing back in 1997, there were no ordinances in the state that...in any city anywhere. Today we do have ordinances in two communities, Grand Island and Lincoln. Lincoln did come in support of the bill. And...but only if we would add the provision that this bill and the requirements be at least as stringent, or as more stringent, than those of the act. So they wanted to make sure that if they had something in their ordinance that was even more stringent, that they could go ahead, you know, and continue doing that requirement.

SENATOR BOURNE: I see that that individual from the Lancaster County Health Department, they did...

SENATOR STUHR: Right.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...testify neutral.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: Just let me go through this a little bit. Six thousand hours is roughly 37.5 months. So in order for an individual to be able to continue his or her ongoing business...and again, I've not had any contact with any body artists in...from my district or anywhere else, so I don't really know if this is onerous or not. But say an individual set up a business. And there is one in Benson, where I...an area I represent. Say that individual had two years of experience. Well, this would require that...when the bill passes, and I assume it's going to pass in July or October of