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SENATOR BOURNE: And then in LB...the committee amendment...or the E & R amendment to LB 559, on page 6, it talks about...it gives permission to the DMV to do that.

SENATOR BAKER: That's correct.

SENATOR BOURNE: So basically they have an existing process or procedure where they do validate, and they've asked for permission to do that, and we're going to give them that permission in LB 559. What is the policy reason behind the validation?

SENATOR BAKER: I think it's being...showing caution and prudence at the Department of Motor Vehicles that they not just accept somebody's Social Security number as put down on a piece of paper. And they're being very cautious to help prevent identification...you know, ID theft and so on.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. I'm trying to figure out how exactly this would prevent identity theft. I'm not quite sure. Anyway, I just wanted to explore the process a little bit. And I'm not quite certain if I should be bothered by the fact that they're doing this without the authority to do so. I'm not sure if they need explicit authority to do this or not. But I'm kind of struggling with that concept yet.

SENATOR BAKER: I could give an example of identity theft, or...in the case of a person who comes in and says, here's my Social Security number, it's not validated, and here's my name, and they don't match, for instance. So they accept it as being the right number, but it doesn't match. And although the Social Security number doesn't show up on a driver's license, they could go back and check this person's, say, commercial driver's license, and it doesn't come up that they're owing child support, because they used an erroneous Social Security number, would be the case that I think happened in the case of a constituent, so.

SENATOR BOURNE: So the DMV shares this information with child enforcement...child support enforcement?