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that they used 100 needles and that there was a sterilization machine there and there's, you know, hot and cold running water, and the place is adequately sanitized. And, you know, so what I'm saying is what if, in your mind as a nurse and as an individual who wants to regulate an industry but doesn't want to overregulate it, if we add some sort of needle training with a test and the ability for Health and Human Services to inspect the facility, would that be sufficient regulation that the public would be protected and yet we wouldn't be so overregulating that we basically acted, the Legislature acted, as a barrier to an individual's entry into body artists...artistry?

SENATOR COMBS: It would seem reasonable, but since I'm on the record and I'm not an expert, nor a member of the committee that heard the bill, I would have to defer to their wisdom as far as the, overall, is this the proper thing to do. But it does sound reasonable. I can give you that.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you very much. Senator Jensen, would you yield to a question or two? And again, I'm trying to get a grasp...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute. And, Senator Jensen, would you yield?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, I will. Thank you.

SENATOR BOURNE: And again, I'm trying to get a grasp of the absolute harm to the public without overregulating an industry. And I assume that you've listened a little bit to our...my dialogue with Senator Combs. Is that a reasonable approach to protecting the public and, yet, not overregulating, or am I missing a component?

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, number one, we...this issue has come up for several years and, yes, we, in the Health and Human Services Committee, have heard from individuals, constituents that each one of us has had, as...that I think we should have some regulation on body art, the piercing, the tattooing. And primarily because there are some young people that are receiving