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an improvement to his bill, but I do oppose the bill, except for the part about training. So I want to cite the analysis that's been done by bodies, usually from either the federal government through their financing of educational institutions. I'm only going to mention one of those. But you can go to the National Transportation Safety site and see the results of the analysis of the figures. This is the study I'm going to cite, conducted at the University of Southern California, which analyzed 3,600 traffic crash reports covering motorcycle crashes; concluded that wearing helmets was the single most important factor in surviving motorcycle crashes. And that's the bottom line here. I did ask my staff to call the Department of Motor Vehicles here after Senator Smith mentioned his death statistic, because we can't...we need to look at the factor of speed, which I think he also mentioned, but statistics are not kept separately for motorcycle accidents versus traffic accidents with motor vehicles, so we can't separate that out and analyze those accidents. But I think all of us here, just thinking of yourself on a motorcycle, landing on your head, would know that you'd be better off with a helmet than without. So we're really just down to the ride free issue and you ride free with a cost to taxpayers. And we can get to the emotional cost to the families, the funeral costs. We can get to all of that. Obviously, if you die that costs us less as a state than if we take care of you in a large institution, like Quality Living, which I and a number of people on this floor have visited, which is a large, head injury facility in the state; a lot of young people in that facility. We need to do the things, from a public policy perspective,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...that make sense based on scientific evidence, which there are studies...I've never seen a study which says you're safer riding a motorcycle without a helmet. The studies done based on, well, you can't see and you can't hear issues, there has been an analysis done, a scientific study of whether wearing a helmet would keep you from hearing or seeing, and that was proven to be not factual. You are much safer but, as a taxpayer, you're paying a lot less for the families who have to be taken care of, if this is the sole