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SENATOR PREISTER: It's dealing with one specific group, one specific "regulatee" or a person that would be directly impacted by the law, but there are not...that's not the only member of the public that might be impacted. So this allows for the public at large who may, in different instances, be impacted that wouldn't be covered by just the language that you read.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. I'm still not tracking exactly what the amendment does, and I don't want to be particular, but this is a bill that's been introduced four times. We've had countless public hearings. We have had interim studies. We've had meeting after meeting after meeting over the years. We've had...we've researched extensively what other states are doing. And I'm really unclear as to what the bottom line is as it relates to your amendment. What impact is your amendment going to have on the process that we've developed over the last four years?

SENATOR PREISTER: Senator Bourne, my intention is not to derail all of that work that you've done. My intention is to, as I said, have a friendly amendment to it. There's nothing hidden in this. It includes the public, as it states. It's, I think, clear in the language, and I don't see how it could be anything other than that. It makes it clear that the statement or the estimate of the quantification applies to the public, how it might impact the people that we're here representing.

SENATOR BOURNE: Okay. But if the person...if a person is not impacted by the regulation, why would we or an agency consider what...why would they even consider them in the quantification? The bill already talks about regulated persons, so that would mean people that are impacted by the regulation. What if...if we're talking about a Department of Revenue regulation that deals with taxation of a corporation and we have somebody that doesn't own a corporation, why would we care the impact on that individual? I guess what I'm trying to do is, here we are in the eleventh and a half hour after years...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.