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million permits have been revoked because of firearms-related offenses, which is .014 percent. The vast majority of these were for technical location violations; 117 of the revocations did not involve the discharge of the handgun, and another 31 included discharge without intent to harm. And I wanted to add also, the statistics that are taken, also, every concealed weapons permitholder that uses their gun is arrested. I mean, you have to justify, you know, why you used the gun, and it's still...you know, it's not a get-out-of-jail-free card to go and shoot someone. In fact, I took three days of training, and I have a Florida weapons permit, concealed permit, myself, which is good by reciprocity in 22 states. When I took the course, most of that training was in when not to use your gun. We have people carrying concealed right now, under the statute that Senator Kruse's constituent is carrying under, that requires no training. And I remember when there was a guy in Omaha that did use his weapon. He said, stop or I'll shoot, for his own personal property, or for property. And that guy went to prison. So this...the training is very important, and we do not have it in current statute. What we do have is people that go down to the local sheriff's office, pay him five bucks, and they have a handgun, and they are carrying pursuant to Section 28-1202. No training. It's not recorded anywhere that they have a permit, which now it would be. We've worked on software between the State Patrol and the DMV. And right now, when law pulls someone over, they have to assume that they're armed. That's just...any rookie knows that. You assume...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR COMBS: ...that that person is armed. This at least will show this person has applied for and received a concealed weapons permit, so that's more information than what they have right now. This law does make it safer. If we're talking about public safety, I can't think of a better public safety thing to do than to ask the people who do carry concealed to have training, know when and when not to use it, and how to properly store it, and that it's only used for personal safety as an absolute last resort. Police are aggressors, and they're taught to go out and take the fight to the criminal. Concealed weapons permitholders are only protecting themselves, their life and