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SENATOR BYARS: ...we have already run this by the Department of Insurance and other carriers and looked at case law and made the decision we didn't have to do it so didn't put it in. But if it would make you and members of the body more comfortable, we would be amenable, and certainly Senator Baker would also, if we need to do this.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Would you be amenable to that, Senator Baker?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'd yield to Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, I would. Thank you, Senator Beutler. We...I guess one of my concerns, and you can read through the committee amendment, this is pretty tough, a tough set of stipulations here, guidelines, and I hope we didn't make it too restrictive that we don't get people taking...you know, that can actually access this. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations--pretty broad. They're going to...they're already subject to background checks, anyone that hires these eligible people. It has...the eligible person has to request this individual provide that transportation, and so on. And...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Well, let me ask you further then with regard to your intent. You say they're subject to background checks but, again, as I read this amendment, it doesn't statutorily require that. You're relying on rules and regs to do that.

SENATOR BAKER: Yes. That's in place now.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The importance of background checks, I assume, goes to, first, the question of the safety of the individual being transported, but secondly, it also goes to liability and state liability and what our responsibilities may be to see that the transporter is adequately licensed, for one thing. And that's another reason, I guess, why in my mind it seems important to be sure we have the insurance part of it covered, just in case there's any screwup on that particular provision also. Let me ask you further,...