

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

March 13, 2006 LB 1069

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...with respect to the people, the individuals who can do the transporting, there's nothing in this amendment that limits those individuals to anybody, as in any sort of relationship to the person or living in the area or nothing else. It can be any individual, as you know. Can that individual line up four or five or six people that they haul on a regular basis and be reimbursed for these rates?

SENATOR BAKER: I'd say that would be pushing it. Each eligible person has to choose this individual, number one. That's on line 11 of the committee amendment, has to be chosen. And we left it that way, as Senator Byars said, so that we don't get somebody doing six or eight of these and be...and in fact, you know, and in fact be a carrier for hire. Each individual has to...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR BAKER: ...eligible person has to choose that individual and then they have to go through that process to be approved by HHS.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Let me ask you this. If this individual...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...transports...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senator Beutler.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I am, too, concerned about the level of insurance coverage, and I understand state law right now is \$25,000 to \$50,000, \$25,000 per, \$50,000 per incident. And I don't know...Senator Baker informs me there's been some times they've tried to raise these minimums and we haven't been successful, but it would be my