

report to the Legislature annually certain information about motorcycle fatalities including the following: Based on available information an estimate of how many fatalities could have been avoided if the cyclist or passenger had been wearing a helmet at the time of the accident, strictly informational. All it says is that once a year we're requesting these two employees of the State of Nebraska to review all available data and report to the Legislature of the 25 or 26 fatalities, which is where they have been running the last five years, based on available data, based on the investigating officer's report and so forth, how many fatalities could have been avoided if the cyclist or passenger had been wearing a helmet, informational only, ask your support of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Jacklyn Smith on the Hoagland amendment.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As co-sponsor of this bill, I rise to oppose this amendment to the bill as unnecessary. All of this information is already available from the MD. The only piece that isn't available is the estimate of how many fatalities could have been avoided if the cyclist had been wearing a helmet and perhaps when we talk about estimates, and we are really only talking about estimates here, I don't understand quite why this would be necessary to the bill. This is all I really have to say on it. I would just oppose the amendment and I would like to relinquish my time to Senator Landis.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, I'll be able to take my own light off about the amendment. I oppose the amendment. There are seven informational items requested in the amendment, six of them are currently gathered, circulated. As a matter of fact, Senator Hoagland passed out a summary of those statistics in the helmet debate earlier this year. The one that is left out is the one in which we invite somebody, I suppose perhaps a highway patrolman at the scene of an accident, to make this speculative guess as to what would or would not have happened at the scene of an accident. Got no problem with the accumulation of facts. Facts are fine, we've got them out there, we should have them. If we weren't gathering this information, we should, but we are. However, to add to this bill in essence an