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became a mandate, and I was afraid if we mandated that, they may not be able to use their resources in the most correct manner. But I would say that Section 6 directs them to use the \$150,000 to enhance their ability to monitor the quality of our streams, and I think that's what this amendment is really about. It's about Section 6. They don't have the resources for it now, and I know this is \$150,000, and in a year when we're trying to save money, that's important. But it makes no sense to pass a bill to protect the waters of this state without having the monitoring ability to do that. And, like I said, I would have been comfortable without Section 5. Senator Beutler did agree to change the definition of "shall" to "may" but we have pointed out the items that we think are important, and it says they shall use the \$150,000 or it said it is the intent of the Legislature that the \$150,000 be used for the purpose of enhancing the Department of Water Quality's monitoring program for the sec...for this legislation. So with that, I hope you can support my amendment. I think it gives them the discretion they are going to need because there's a limited amount of resources and the \$150,000 a year probably is not adequate anyway, and so we need to give them some...some authority to use that where they think it can best be spent.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You heard the closing, Schrock amendment to the Beutler amendment. The question before the body is, shall the Schrock amendment to the Beutler amendment to LB 822 be adopted? All in favor vote aye, all opposed nay. We're voting on the Schrock amendment to the Beutler amendment. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: (Microphone malfunction) ...house and a roll call vote.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There's been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the call of the house vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 17 ayes, 0 nays to go under call.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. The house is under call. All unauthorized persons please leave the floor. Unexcused senators, please report to the Chamber. The house is