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they're going to recycle tires, to use them up, and not create a big pile, which creates all kinds of problems that you're aware of.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. But is there any...I mean, there won't be anybody checking on this, will there?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I would imagine that if somebody called in a complaint to DEQ, that would be the process be used...that would be used.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. And then, I guess...I guess that's all the questions I have for now, because that's all the further I've really been able to get through this document. Thank you for your...thank you for the information.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Thank you, Senator Schimek.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Schimek. The Chair recognizes Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, the amendment is what was LB 144. But last year, we also had a previous bill, LB 1130. So this bill has actually been introduced the last two years. We did hear it last year. We did do some work during the interim. And then we have another bill that DEQ brought as a result of some of the changes from the previous bill in what's really an ongoing process. We've been working on this issue for the ten years that I have been in...11 years now that I've been in the Legislature. What...if you look at the fiscal note, which was one issue that Senator Schimek raised, it's got a \$500,000 notation there. That's been taken out of the bill. That was the original bill that DEQ brought that would have diverted a half million dollars from the fund to go directly to the Department of Roads for roads projects. So that fiscal note is no longer applicable. But even that fiscal note was really cash funds. That...there's no fiscal note that comes out of General Funds for this bill. So it's a zero General Fund appropriation, and that was one of the things that I wanted to let you know. The grant funds will continue to be given to the people who wish to apply to process