

I would just like to indicate to the body that in my discussions with the Department of Economic Development and the director, they indicated to me that what Senator Beutler is proposing to specifically exclude they would contemplate having a need for. So I think that we're getting into a situation where we have a bill that is very general in scope, the purpose is generally outlined and Senator Beutler brings up a very good point in trying to clarify for the department whether or not the funds could go directly to a particular business or entity to help to encourage them to locate or expand in a particular area whether that be for infrastructure, for training, for a number of different tools that are used in economic development recruitment. So it's certainly important for the body to give this serious consideration because it certainly would limit the scope of what the department could use LB 144 for.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Vrtiska. You do not wish to speak? There's an amendment to the Beutler amendment.

CLERK: Senator Vrtiska would move to amend Senator Beutler's amendment. (Vrtiska amendment appears on page 619 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Vrtiska, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: This is just a very simple change in wording and if you have Senator Beutler's amendment before you, it just puts the words "in any one year" after the word "grant" on the second line and I would ask for the approval of that amendment to his amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Is there any further discussion, or is there any discussion of the Vrtiska amendment? Seeing none, Senator Vrtiska, do you wish to close? Closing is waived. The question before the body is the adoption of the Vrtiska amendment to the Beutler amendment to LB 144. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Vrtiska's amendment to Senator Beutler's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Vrtiska amendment is adopted. Is there any further discussion of the Beutler amendment? Seeing none,