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the formula, because once you put them outside the formula then, with respect to that particular program, you are back to where we were 20 years ago in education where schools that were very wealthy were getting state aid along with those schools who really needed it. So all this amendment does is say that if you have a local...if you're not levying your maximum local levy, that is if you aren't using the resources available to you then you ought not to be needing these state funds, so that the money can then go to those school systems that need this money for this particular purpose, and that's the thrust of the amendment. Thank you.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Debate on the Beutler amendment? Senator Stuhr.

**SENATOR STUHR:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I rise in opposition to the amendment by Senator Beutler. As we have indicated in this entire discussion, these are grant funds. We started out with the Innovative Grant Fund and there are no specific specifications for that funding, as Senator Beutler is indicating in his amendment. Those grant funds are used for school improvement activities as this...these grant funds would be used in the amendment that was passed by Senator Wehrbein...or Wehrbein...the Wehrbein amendment. So we are looking at additional funding to enhance the quality of programs. There are needs out there that school districts are looking forward to and looking at some areas that they can approve (sic). So I stand in opposition of Senator Beutler's amendment.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Wehrbein.

**SENATOR WEHRBEIN:** Mr. President, members, Senator, may I ask Senator Beutler a question, please?

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Beutler, would you respond?

**SENATOR BEUTLER:** Sure.

**SENATOR WEHRBEIN:** Would you read exactly what your amendment does. I am still not clear, Senator Beutler.