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with the philosophy of a true grant program. And as Senator Wehrbein had indicated in his opening remarks, he really doesn't intend an additional infusion of funds after the first \$1.8 million or so. So this amendment is probably somewhat irrelevant anyway, perhaps. But in any event, as long as the language stays in the law, it seems to me that it ought to have this provision. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Thank you, Senator Beutler. Debate on the Beutler amendment, Senator Wehrbein.

**SENATOR WEHRBEIN:** Yes, Mr. President and members, I support Senator Beutler's amendment and I do want to make a correction. I have been using \$850,000 in the Microenterprise. It is actually 875, \$875,000 for two years, and I stated that earlier. I support this one and it would be my intent that most projects actually wouldn't go beyond one year or two, and if they are really viable, this would limit it to three, and I support it on that basis, Senator Beutler.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Further debate? Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close. Senator Beutler waives closing. The question is the adoption of AM2791 to the committee amendments of LB 1348. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record.

**CLERK:** 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the amendment.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** The amendment is agreed to. Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** Senator Beutler would offer AM2792. (Legislative Journal page 1033.)

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on AM2792.

**SENATOR BEUTLER:** Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, this is a sunset date on the bill, which is June 30th of 2005, and once again in light of Senator Wehrbein's remarks, this is a sunset date that is probably beyond anything he intended anyway but as long as the language of the bill stays