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fill in the figures that give you a total 5.7 historical rate. So if you're going back over the last few years and you have a 6.7 and a 6.5 and 5.5, well, then you have to fill in 4.4 for next year, for example, to get to the historic average of 5.7. So there is some logic to this system, but it goes back using figures from 1981. Okay, let me tell you about the second methodology that says it's going to be 5.4 percent, not 5 percent for the next two years. The other thing we do is work with econometric models, and the Department of Revenue does that, and our Fiscal Office does that, and there are two...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...different econometric models, and they fill in more current figures, and it has worked well for us as we've adjusted to it in the last few years. And using those econometric models and averaging what the Department of Revenue, the Governor's Office has estimated, with what our Fiscal Office has estimated, they estimate a project revenue growth of 5.4 percent, not 5 percent, and if you think the 5.4 percent is correct, there is no \$55 million deficit. If you think it's going to fall someplace in between 5 and 5.4, I'm guessing that will be what will happen, but my...my best guess is also that it's going to be much closer to 5.4 percent than to 5 percent because the recen...the recent increases in revenues, 6.7, 6.5, 5.5 I don't think are likely to drop off...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...significantly, given at least the information we know today. So keep in mind...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that the revenue side projections are dubious and subject to at least a couple of interpretations.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. In 14 years, I guess I haven't really picked up too much on this appropriations process. It bothers me a little