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program designed to secure funds, or to stabilize dollars within a resource development fund, and I believe that the logic was to take about \$500,000 of that as a part of this discussion as well. And I would totally not dispute some of the comments Senator Beutler said, because realistically, I had to make decisions about how far I could go, how far we as a body should go, and how far the citizens of this state would go in some of these areas as far as the reductions. If you go through the state colleges and the university, again, they are less than the committee proposed. They are a reasonable number, though. Because as I see the process, it's a gamble. You're either going to get a 10 percent cut or you're going to get a 3 percent cut. This is the middle ground for them. In fact, this is less than the middle ground. This is 4.7 over the biennium. So the gamble is, we can run LB 759 to try and fill a hole that we actually can't fill either, or we can scale back in some areas. And I've alerted everybody that this is a number that I feel comfortable with, but probably not more. And I'm willing to go to that number because I believe we can get there by making offsets and doing other things. Also, again I'll reiterate that the commissions are restored \$100,000...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...annually for each of those areas. The areas where there was a difference between the Appropriations Committee and the Governor as far as operations or aid, those were made as well. The other thing that I'll share with you is, is that some of the cuts proposed to the Legislative Council don't show up as cuts to the Legislative Council; they show up as expenditures to other agencies. And so potentially we would see, of that \$480,000, you would see about 82.5 of that go to one specific program, and in the second year another \$82,000 of that go to another specific program, which are dues to an organization that we belong to, that at this time I believe it's responsible for us to not be a part of that. So if you have questions, again, feel happy to try and explain to you. And I'll also share with you this final comment. If you want to know who wrote this, I wrote this amendment. I've heard comments that people have said somebody else wrote this. That is ridiculous. I spent the last week of my life...