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Currently, LB 608 has a relatively heavy set of obligations for the Revenue Department. They need to do some collating of data. Then they need to do a review of applications and applicants for violations of environmental laws, safety laws and the like. So the A bill is drafted with $115,000 for 2003-2004, and $285,000 for '04-05. Later this morning, I think it is, we'll come up with LB 608 and at that time Senator Bromm is going to renew his request to substitute the Al Wenstrand modification for a program for rural development for LB 270 and to strike the rest of the provisions. I'm going to support him in that When that happens, the need for this money will go down and, in fact, it would be able to be cut significantly, although there will be some A bill that will still be needed. At this time, because of where we are in the session, it would be valuable to advance this bill on General File. The amount, $115,000 for this year essentially and...well, yeah, this year and next, and then $285,000 for next year and the year after. I'd ask for the advancement of LB 608A, anticipating that the bill will be worked on and the A bill will need an amendment later in the process.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the opening on advancement of LB 608A. Open for discussion on that motion. Seeing no lights on, Senator Landis, did you wish to...he waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is advancement of LB 608A. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 608A.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. LB 608A does advance. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: LB 626A by Senator Preister. (Read title.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Preister, you are recognized to open on LB 626A.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the