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that is, that the Department of Revenue is following the statutes in how it regulates and how it operates the...not just the LB 775 program, but all of the programs in the Department of Revenue. That's been the big omission. It's not just the LB 775 program. It's the Department of Revenue. So...and I might say that it's not just about compliance with the statutes. It starts with compliance with the statutes, but it also goes to the question of rules and regulations and how they relate to the statutes, and how they are being followed, the rules and regulations as they've been set up by the various departments, including, again, the Department of Revenue. So those two functions in particular, monitoring the statutes and monitoring the rules and regulations, I think are the two paramount reasons for wanting this function to be in place. And I think the public would be grateful to us to know that at least we have the authority to oversee these programs, whether or not we exercise it. I think it will be stunning to them to hear, if they happen to hear, that not only do we not know whether these benefits and incentives are worthwhile overall, not only can we not do that analysis, but we can't even tell them whether the Department of Revenue is properly running the program in accordance with the statutes. It just seems fundamental to me that they would expect us to have that ability, that they would want us to have that ability. I can't imagine any common citizen saying, no, don't want you to do that. So this is our opportunity to do that. And I hope you will see fit to put this revised version...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...into place. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on AM2054, Senator Beutler, to AM2005. Open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Landis, followed by Senators Brashear and Raikes. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Senator Beutler said this is our opportunity to do this piece. There may be a reason to it. Understand, the program evaluation says, you're following the law, or you're not. And there is a