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do that, if that is allowed, they would need additional PSL, personal service limitation, to fund it to do it. It doesn't increase any money, but it does allow them to spend the money they have for PSL. And that's all this does, increases PSL from \$691,274 to \$766,294. So if they are successful, they would need this personnel service limitations increase, and that's what this amendment does.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I would like to speak briefly in support of AM3460, and I'd like to thank Senator Wehrbein for bringing it. But this may help address, at least in part, a problem of being able to hire and keep appropriate personnel by the Electrical Board. And, you know, a bill originally came to the Government Committee and we did not advance it because we felt that we did not want to get in the middle of a negotiations issue, but yet we recognized there was a problem. So when Personnel indicated they would be willing to look at these salaries on a case-by-case basis, it was at that point then that we started talking about the need to increase the PSL so that that could happen if needed. And again, in response to a question that Senator Brown asked off-mike, this would have to be approved by Personnel before any kind of an increase could be given. So with that, I might mention, too, that it was Senator Cudaback's bill that originally raised the issue and it did come to Government Committee, and I think that was LB 931 (sic--LB 913). Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Seeing no further discussion, Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question before the body is adoption of AM3460, offered by Senator Wehrbein to LB 1089. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on AM3460 by Senator Wehrbein to LB 1089. Have you all voted who wish to, AM3460? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Wehrbein's amendment.