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language about these effects on humans or the environment, or some approach like that, so it's clear that there is to be no change. And here's why I share Senator Beutler's concern, or he raised a concern in my mind. We're not going to be here, perhaps, if and when an attempt is made to misapply this language in a manner different from what you're discussing on the floor. I have an amendment that I'm thinking of offering to this new language, but I will not put that in at this point in my discussion and confuse this issue. I'm going to listen to further discussion and then put my amendment up there because it would go to the new language, where it's found now,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and it doesn't touch directly, maybe, on what Senator Beutler is discussing. Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Kremer.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion on the advancement of LB 874? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I want to finish the discussion a little bit about ground water and surface water, because what I value in the language that applies to that, I would also value in other language that's applicable to pollution that's not in ground water or surface water, and that is the ability under the law, in a state management plan or a pesticide management plan, to anticipate in the reasonable future adverse effects on humans or environment. And as I was trying to indicate to you in the time that I had before, the current law with regard to ground water and surface water allows you to do that because if you increasingly come closer to a standard that identifies an adverse effect, a scientific standard that identifies an adverse level, that is a level at which there is a danger to humans and the environment, as you start to approach that closer and closer, regulation is possible under this language. That's what the NRDs are doing, have been doing in many areas of the state with their ground water management plans, for example. we're talking about quality here in this instance. language says that in order to regulate out here in an area