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subcategories listed here, why should there be a different rule for these kinds of...for these kinds of refunds and apply the old rule for all other kinds of refunds in state government? If...well, let me...let me stop there. What...why are we distinguishing these expenditures from other expenditures?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I don't know about all of those cash funds, whether that...this is...this procedure is true in many cash funds across the gamut, whether it's in Health and Human Services or any other, I'm not sure. This does standardize these particular three funds in Health and Human Services so that those monies do go back into the funds from which they're originally intended rather than going in the General Fund. Now I think a lot of our cash funds, and I don't have any at the tip of my tongue, but it would be...well, I was going to say Liquor Control Commission; that's not a good one because that money does go into the General Fund. But by and large, our cash funded agencies, if they take in some money for that cash funded agency, it goes back into that cash funded agency, it doesn't go into the General Fund. And that's...this makes this a truer presentation or a truer accountability because, these funds are generated from that cash fund for the first two quarters, it makes sense to do the third and fourth quarter also back into that fund. I'm back to repeating myself, but that's...that's...this makes it standard, for all four quarters, going back into that cash fund rather than those third and fourth quarters going into the General Fund. And that's what we're trying to change.

SENATOR BEUTLER: In these types of cash funds, where is the money originally coming from in the various funds that you've excepted aside here?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: All right. The Pharmacy Rebate Program is an agreement with pharmaceutical companies that they cannot charge the program more than the lowest price charged to other customers. Medicaid staff identify these differences in charges, negotiate with the companies, many times with legal costs involved, and then bill the companies who reimburse the state. These refunds then amount to as much as 15 to 20 percent