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Let  $M$  be a module over the mod 2 Steenrod algebra  $A$ . Define the locally finite functor  $G$  from  $A$ -modules to  $A$ -modules to be  $G(M) = \{m \in M \mid Am \text{ is finitely generated as a vector space}\}$ . We describe how this functor relates to the homology of homotopy inverse limits of spectra and to  $A^*$ -comodules, where  $A^*$  is the vector space dual of  $A$ . We then present conditions under which the derived functors of  $G$  vanish for modules over a sub-Hopf algebra of  $A$ . (Received September 26, 2006)