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LB 142A, 988, 1135, 1238, 1272
LR 409-416

SENATOR WARNER: Yeah, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have appreciated the discussion we have had and, hopefully, we can make legislative oversight over time more effective than it has been in the past, although I would argue it has not been ineffective because every committee has done some of that function in the past and I would anticipate that, obviously, is going to cover it but I believe this can facilitate that practice significantly. I do want to comment on the fiscal note. If you look at it, on page...well, in the front of the bill where it indicates on a per capita basis what other states use and the staffing that is intended to start with, as I indicated in my remarks somewhere along the line, is that there are some vacancies in research that have, in fact, been held open. There is one person on board but the other positions are funded, held open. In the event the Legislature chose to do this that those positions, in fact, then would be used. Now if you only have two or three people doing performance audits, they are going to be limited in nature because they are not a quick type of activity. It takes substantial amount of time to do them thoroughly and correctly. And if one wanted to do more, indeed, it would take more staff than what is initially being proposed. But I also believe that, as we start this program again to be active, that it ought to start slowly and minimum staff as it is being developed and utilized by the Legislature. But, with that, I would move the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER BAACK: You have heard Senator Warner's closing on the advancement of LB 988. We will now vote on the advancement. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President...Mr. President, excuse me, on the advancement of LB 988.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 988 advances. Do you have items for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. A message from the Governor. (Read message. See pages 1703-04 of the Legislative Journal.) Mr. President, amendments to be printed to LB 1238 by Senator Lynch; Senators Withem and Ashford to LB 142A; Senator Hall to LB 1135; Senator Cudaback to LB 1272. Mr. President, a series of study resolutions, LR 409-416, all calling for interim studies. Those will be referred to the Executive Board for