

SENATOR LANDIS: No, we didn't. What happened was we had it just with some agency heads and we're asking to put some employees on the board.

SENATOR ROBINSON: You know, I guess the problem I have in the time of tight budgets and so forth, do we really need this bill this year? That's the problem I have. We get 50,000 here, 100,000 here, another 50,000, I guess that's my concern right now. But...and you talked about the complaints or I guess the suggestions, do we have any information on that? I'd like to see that.

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, as a matter of fact submitted to the committee and available for your inspection is the performance of this idea when we did it. We spent \$7,000, 7.5 thousand dollars to do it, first year savings, \$145,000; third year savings was roughly \$400,000 and I'm sorry I didn't provide that and put it on your desk at the beginning of our discussion. I should have, Bud.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Do they go back and review those? I can see in a year you might have some savings and then, you know, it evaporates and...

SENATOR LANDIS: The source of the review that I'm giving you right now does not appear on its face. My recollection was that it was done by the fiscal office at the time, but I'll see if I can check my files to say where the source of those savings, who compiled that information.

SENATOR ROBINSON: In the fiscal note it says the act encourages public officials and employees to disclose information concerning possible violations of laws and fiscal waste or mismanagement without fear of reprisals, so that includes the Legislature, huh?

SENATOR LANDIS: Actually the list is for the executive agencies. There are a series of exemptions and the courts, the branches of the judiciary and the legislative are specifically exempted, one of the reasons being we're not part of the personnel system.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay. I was going to say you'd have to hire another ombudsman for me probably, so...