

large business would have, could certainly have a number of items. And I certainly would not dispute...dispute that. But the issue, it seems to me, is simply one that if you adopt Senator Hillman's amendment then you...then the assessor doesn't have to go out and ask for it, it's there. I assume they would not be required to retain it. You'd be required to do that each year, and whether or not you vote for or against the amendment would seem to me whether or not you believe that it would be an advantage to the assessor to have those work papers filed with the...the taxable value so that it would be further substantiating material that they are correct. But certainly, as the bill stands, that material is available to the assessor if they request.

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SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Hillman, you're next.

SENATOR HILLMAN: I would like to address just a few of the concerns when it comes to workload. County officials, with 1063, have this workload. They do not have to go through every worksheet that they get. It doesn't auto...it doesn't mandate that they have to check every form that comes against the worksheets that are filed. What it does is provide the resources for them to do a check, if they so choose. It avoids them having to go out on site, making that trip, or to go through the subpoena process. The fact of, Senator Schellpeper, of any kind of confidentiality or anything like that, they can subpoena those work papers right now in 1063. They have the right to do that. They can do that right now without 1063. County attorneys can subpoena any papers that they need right now on a local level, they have that authority. I met with a group called Panhandle Assessors quite a few times, during the interim, in preparing for this year's taxes and last year's, and that was one of the things that was brought out at that meeting is they currently do have. Talked to some county assessors, and also the representative of their association. They, at this point, do not object to this particular amendment. They feel that it will give them...won't add to their workload. The purpose of this is to reduce their workload in the time that it would take to subpoena records, bring them back in and check, they will have them there. The retention of records, I'm told, as far as the worksheets go, only are as long as they refuse to retain them. When they feel they no longer need them, they will