

Are there offices...

SENATOR WARNER: No.

SENATOR BEUTLER: They would be subject to review?

SENATOR WARNER: To the extent of the legislation, yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so the Auditor of Public Accounts would also be logically a subject of review at some point in time, or could be.

SENATOR WARNER: It could be, again, subject to the...obviously, there would not be involved in their constitutional authority because the Legislature wouldn't have control over that, but to the extent there are legislative mandates, yeah.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, would the Legislature constitutionally be allowed to audit the constitutional officers?

SENATOR WARNER: For performance? Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: For performance, yes. Okay. Committee chairmen, and I haven't read far enough along in here I suspect, but committee chairmen, once a project is identified, what is the participation of the committee chairmen in the jurisdiction related to that particular agency? What would their role be? For example, if you audited the state colleges, what would be the role of the chairperson of the Education Committee?

SENATOR WARNER: The way the bill is set up...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I mean, I'm not saying whether I want him in or out...

SENATOR WARNER: Right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ..but...

SENATOR WARNER: The way the bill is set up, the performance review unit is a separate professional staff in which the legislative committee has a role in selection and there are guidelines as to how the evaluation is done, but it is not the intent that the Legislature or individuals of the Legislature directly make day-to-day decisions as to how that professional