

make the other side come in and show where the pilot projects have worked. Make them come in and say, yes, we should go statewide. Strike that section. That would do it. But, simply to say that we, the Legislature, don't feel that we are going to be able to look at it ourselves so you have to hire a consultant, I don't think it is good for us to do, I don't think it is good policy, I don't think it is wise fiscal management even though I understand that I am a closet liberal, actually I don't really know if I am that much of a "closet liberal," but my good friend, Senator Warner, or excuse me, Senator Wehbein, is still reeling from that, I think. But nonetheless, I think...the going and spending money on an outside consultant when we, the Legislature, can do it if we so choose, I don't think is good policy for us to do. It is not wise management of our dollars. And three, if you really want an outside consultant, strike the section that makes it automatic. Make them come back and show where it has worked. That is all you need to do.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thanks, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, let me tell you what I will be happy to do in support so we can identify areas of agreement. I agree with Senator Schimek that there should be an evaluation, that has always been our intent, it has always been our goal and we would have done it by interim study resolution, but if you want it in the statute, put it in the statute. Fair enough. We were trying to do our best to respond to what Senator Warner said but, if there is also a demand that there be a study not by interim study resolution but in statute, fair enough. It can be either the Health and Human Services Committee, as far as I am concerned, or a consultant, either one. I think the consultant is better but I would take either one. And, there should be a period of time following the study in which the Legislature has an opportunity to act pursuant to what we learn in the study. I'll say yes to that. What I don't agree with by the way is what Senator Bernard-Stevens says and that is that we do a pilot study and then we come back and we choose what we are going to do for the future. I think that assumes that the present is fine and that the future has to prove itself better. I start from the assumption that the present is not fine. That this pilot project is something that I have confidence in and unless