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it or dismiss it. Now whether they go to the county attorney or not, I'm not sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Janssen, does this commission view itself as a law enforcement agency?

SENATOR JANSSEN: I'm sorry, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does this commission view itself as a law enforcement agency?

SENATOR JANSSEN: I don't believe so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is it a law enforcement agency?

SENATOR JANSSEN: To my knowledge it isn't.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It definitely is not. Then why is it being given law enforcement respon...let me back up. Is the county attorney a law enforcement officer?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why is this...who brought this bill to you?

SENATOR JANSSEN: The Accountability and Disclosure Commission.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And your...and you signed onto it?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I see Sen...oh, Senator Schimek is gone. Do you think that we ought to give an agency, such as this, law enforcement responsibility?

SENATOR JANSSEN: To my knowledge, Senator, they have...there...they've been doing it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They don't determine...okay, show me in the existing law where they are to determine if a prosecution would be successful. And, if that is in the existing law, why are we specifically putting it in the law now?