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maintain some oversight. They have 1,400 contracts on an annual basis. And for them to have those all previewed, reviewed, and so on, . . . I know that the fiscal note that we had with the original bill was around \$400,000, I think, on an annual basis to hire the people to review these contracts if we . . . and that was with the green copy. I don't know what it would be with everyone included. It's going to be a lot of money. So my statement is, in reality, we are looking over some of these. We've gotten into this over a period of years. And I don't condone these things if they're not accountable. But the executive branch has issued an Executive Order, and we obviously got our attention. I think Senator Preister . . . thank Senator Preister for that. It certainly got me aware of all these contracts out there. And we did meet with some people, the Department of Roads, for instance, was one of them, that, you know, they have a lot of contracts. And we said, what are you doing, and so on, and outside contractors, how many are you using, and so on, for engineering studies. So I can agree to going back to the green copy. I just want to make sure when we get back to it that people are involved with it and we don't create a monster here as far as people we're going to have to hire to review these contracts that are reviewed internally. We certainly need some oversight. But I believe heading back to the green copy, as people have said, will give us a chance to do this. And we'd certainly appreciate being involved in the mix. With that, I'd return the last of my time to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senator Beutler, Landis, and Schimek.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members, I'll just do a few quick comments. I want to support what Senator Preister has done. He's put a lot of work into this. And Senator Schimek has too. I just simply want to say, this was not an idle weekend for some of us. I find myself wanting to do some things here in this area. But this does have a far-reaching domino effect, if you will, or a ripple effect, among all the agencies. And I have come to believe in the last few days that we had to go a little slower on this. I found myself in a very difficult position, not being able to explain exactly what the proposals