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LB 608

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, that I think is a technical amendment offered to LB 608 as we last saw it. I would ask that it be withdrawn.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment, LB 608, Senator Thompson, but, Senator, I had a note you wanted to withdraw that amendment?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator Beutler, AM1136. (Legislative Journal page 1917.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on AM1136 to LB 608.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, this is an amendment that is a process amendment. It has to do with the ability of the Program Evaluation Committee, or performance audit committee, to review the records of the Department of Revenue in general, and specifically the records with regard to the LB 775 program. And it's not designed to change the LB 775 program. It doesn't affect the dimensions of it. It doesn't take anything away. Doesn't add anything. All the amendment does is to update our statutes to conform to what I think is the Legislature's general view about the rights and prerogatives of the Program Evaluation Committee, the performance audits. It is basically saying that we need to update the statutes so that performance audit can be done within the Department of Revenue, including confidential items, under controlled circumstances, and those controlled circumstances are the very same circumstances that are in the statute presently for the Auditor of Public Accounts with respect to financial audits of the Department of Revenue. So we've taken the statute