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the Revenue Committee?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes, he has done that. The most recent example was the UP project in which they did an analysis and provided several different types of information about the impact of LB 620, I think it was, on the overall economic results for the state.

SPEAKER BROMM: And would this amendment, as you read it, help him in any way do his job, providing that information or analyzing that data for the TRAIN program?

SENATOR RAIKES: Well, my understanding, Senator, is that this goes in a different direction. The program evaluation unit is...their forte, if you will, is to look at the statute, look at the executive personnel in place, and to see if the objectives outlined in the statute are being properly carried out; such things as whether or not the collection of the fees for the...application fees are collected, the money is properly handled, and all that kind of thing. I don't think it is within their capability to answer the questions of, for example, on your amendment; should we change the size of the county from 20,000 people to 50,000 people? That's not the sort of thing that they're particularly equipped at least to address.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Raikes. And I think that...I appreciate that information. I think that is a key. Because even if I supported the Beutler amendment, I'd want to know that it heads into a direction that we ought to be going. To me, as complicated and as difficult as it is to...

SENATOR ENGEL: One minute.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...analyze the overall economic impact of expansion of jobs or a particular tax incentive program, we are not geared up in program evaluation to use that information. So I don't know why we would take the time and go through all this to provide that they can randomly select tax returns and evaluate that with identification of taxpayers by name or by anonymous identification number, what is the point of this? I see no point in it. We have scarce resources in this state. We