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certainly...and I haven't even chatted with the Auditor about this. I'm just concerned, based on my experience in...on Government Committee over the last six years, have seen the situation kind of ebb and flow and evolve into various forms, and so I have concerns that this is duplicative in nature. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute. Thank you, Senator Smith. And, for the record, Senator Beutler opened on LB 588, not Senator Byars. On with discussion. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator, members of the body. I also have some questions for Senator Beutler, if he would respond.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Of course.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Senator Beutler, the Legislature has subpoena powers. Currently, I don't believe that we give the Auditor's Office subpoena powers. If we're going to do a parallel universe here, would we be restricting the subpoena powers of the Legislature in this instance? Do you know how that would work?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, if we don't have access to the information, we can't get it with subpoena powers. If it's confidential information and we don't have access to it, we can't get it with subpoena powers. If we do, in fact, have access to it, if we need to use subpoena powers, we can do that.

SENATOR REDFIELD: All right. So...

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's not an authority that's given to us in this bill. That's an authority, when this Performance Auditor Committee was first set up, was...it was given to the committee.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Oh, I understand. That's why I was trying to ascertain how it would be different from the access that the Auditor's Office would have, since we have more power through