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and access to confidentiality. It's not the same authority with respect to the parameters of her jurisdiction. She is going to continue to do the same types of things that we resolved last year; we're going to continue to do the same types of things. The only sense in which I meant that was that the same kinds of procedural access that she has with regard to financial audits we would have on our side with regard to performance audits. I apparently confused you and I'm sorry. We're not reaching over here for any more jurisdiction from the Auditor.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. And at such time that you feel that you don't have enough information and you need confidential information, do you feel that the only way you can do that is to expand the legislative authority?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes. Senator, we only have...we only have two choices. The confidentiality provisions are peppered throughout our statutes, and even this year I think we put two more into place. And when we put them into place, we don't think about the fact that maybe we're precluding basic good government by precluding audits in those particular areas, so we don't look at every confidentiality provision and say, well, should we accept that for audit purposes, or should we not? So, unless we want to take up the process of going back over all the statutes one by one and looking at them individually, the alternative is to do what the committee voted unanimously to do with this bill, and that makes sense. When you're setting up a Performance Audit Committee or setting up any kind of committee you should try to define its jurisdiction and the tools that it would need, and since our Performance Audit Committee is not very old, we've been building it up, that was a tool that didn't get put into place so we're putting that tool in place.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you. And I want to sneak in a few more...

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...comments here before my time is up. I think