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it's important to note, and I heard Senator Beutler say, that the Legislature needs to know if and when our policies are effective, and I tend to agree with that. Now, what we have no right to do is enforce the policies. That is the executive branch of government's authority, to enforce the policies established in the Legislature. It's a separation of powers issue. And it makes me nervous when the legislative branch of government, which I happen to be a member of, but it makes me nervous when the legislative branch wants to reach out and engage in the enforcement, and I feel that expanding our scope into confidential records is overstepping our power within the legislative branch of government. That is a huge concern that I have. I think it's not only unnecessary, but certainly inappropriate. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. That would be your third time, Senator Smith. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members of the body, I'm going to rise to support the bill, but I'm going to speak...specifically speak mostly to the amendment at this point and to support the amendment. I realize the concern here, and I have some of the same concern, about the fact...the power that's perhaps given to a Chair or the Performance Audit Committee or other members. But, on the other hand, I look and I think back and watch what happened to the Auditor's Office a few years ago where a person was in charge for a long time and there was absolutely nothing any of us could do about it as we watched the office be decimated. If someone is abusing that power within this body, as Chairman of Performance Audit, even a Speaker, anyone else gets too far afield, I think the body would have the ability and the power to rein that person in. So I think that, to me, that's an offsetting issue, if you will, that we can control what's done. Because I do believe this bill is needed. I will speak a little more about it on the next...on another time when we're on the main bill, but I do think the Legislature needs to extend its oversight into more and more of our agencies and to see that they are carrying out exactly as the legislative body had it. Once it's gone through this body and we've had 25 votes or more and it's signed by the Governor, that should be the statute. That should be the law. And we have every right,