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which that person can appeal the expiration of it, and they did. They went through the Business and Labor Committee. And I'm simply arguing that they followed the process and, in my mind, the state has an obligation to pay this.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Yes. And the reference that I'm trying to refer to, as I remember as serving on the county board, that there was a time when we did cancel some warrants to individuals. It was after four...three, four years, you know, when they never did come up, but they were never reissued or the individual never went through the process of trying to get them reissued. Because realistically, you know, that warrant was dollars. So, but I do remember at one time we did cancel some outstanding warrants.

SENATOR BOURNE: I guess what I would ask you, Senator Stuthman, is that the difference, though, is that you knew that you owed that money, as a county official, and so you paid it. Now, there might have been an administrative reason that after four or five years you decided, you know, you needed to close that accounting entry, so to speak, but you knew you owed the money. We know we owe this money. And these things are only two years old. And I...you know, you're talking four or five years, and that makes sense to me. I mean, there does have to be a certain time, and maybe Senator Cunningham can indicate. There has to be a drop-dead date, I agree with that. But you know, again, they went...these three entities, while they might be sloppy, they went about the process the right way and I think we should honor the state's commitment.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: But when we did cancel these warrants, you know, there was notification, public notification, as to our agenda, as to, you know, what warrants we were going to cancel. So, you know, there was notification. But realistically, the reason I think they did it at that time on the county level was to clear up their books from, you know, years and years ago and that was...

SENATOR BOURNE: And that makes sense. But, you know, if we were to deny these here today, this afternoon, we would not be providing the same notice that you deemed appropriate when you