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certificates, do send information to the state that they have X amount of certificates that have not been returned, not been utilized, and that they are property of the state. That's the concern that I have, because I have a lot of individuals that, when that six months are up, they look at it, and that \$25 gift certificate, which is realistically \$25 cash, they throw it away. They burn it. It goes into the junk, because it has an expiration date on it.

SENATOR HUDKINS: And, Senator Stuthman, that's the purpose of this bill, because there is the confusion. We want to take care of that confusion.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: You want to take care of that issue. A lot of them do honor the certificate. I think most of them do, even if they are, you know, expired,...

SENATOR HUDKINS: Yes.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: ...according to the expiration date. But I think the reason that the companies, the restaurants, put that on is they would like to have those utilized during that shorter period of time and would not want to have it, you know, in four or five years. But realistically, the establishment has the dollar value in their pocket already and utilizes those dollars.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Yes,...

SENATOR STUTHMAN: So...

SENATOR HUDKINS: ...but then if there's a dormancy fee, then they just keep that money.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: So then, in other words, this bill is going to help that fact that...well, I guess I want to back up. Is there any record that the state has on these certificates that are out? Say there's a hundred of them out, and they're not utilized. Is there any way that you can go to the state that say a restaurant has those out and never been claimed, or is it never filed? Because I don't think...it's just on a little tablet on a gift certificate book. They write the name, sign