

Testimony on SB 2184

Written testimony in opposition of part of SB2184.

Senator Workforce Development Committee:

Committee Chairman Senator Wobbema and Committee Members:

I am Daryl Dukart a Dunn County Citizen and presently serving on a couple State Boards: As I called my testimony in opposition. My concern is directed to page 5 of the offered bill and under Section 3 Amendment dealing with 54-10 -27.

As we have several certified public accounts available across our state, and certified agency who can conduct audits. I would prefer we remain with the original wording we have in 54-10-27. I do not feel the state auditor office needs to be the head auditor of these boards and as long as the guide to what the state auditor's office wants to see is in those audits, provide's and follow's the state office desires let us drive our state's economy a little more through private firms vs generating a larger state auditors office.

Audits are important needs by all who are asked to deliver and share with the voters of our state and local communities. As a board member of many boards over my career as a County Commissioner I never once felt an audit was a bad deal or unnecessary as for its reason of use.

I question the fee structure for billing from this office as the auditor has a Budget set by you the legislators of our state yet charges for the departments service provided to most public subs, boards, etc. I have identified this as double dipping of property taxes from the local level and do realize this is now a topic of consideration for the 68-legislation year of 2023. Special funds or funds deposited into the State Auditor Operational Budget which are collected, need to be tracked and followed and the public along with legislators need to know how these dollars are used outside of the budget the state has established for them. Seems to me we are not seeing as a public a true cost from a budget standpoint of the department's budget when addition fees can flow in and out without the budget reflecting these numbers.

Thank you,

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