

Regarding SB2299

I believe oversight by the State Auditor is necessary in all political subdivisions as it has become far too common to side-step regulations and responsibility to patrons. While I don't believe that every two years is always necessary I do believe that, at the very least, a uniform overview every four to five years good policy.

I believe that a thorough audit should be seriously considered when complaints are voiced by the public. While mis-conduct is not the norm I believe it is extremely beneficial to take a firm stand that it will be regularly monitored for.

My greatest areas of concern is with water districts that cover more than one county, strictly limit water user's input, limit which members are allowed to run for a board position, limit ballot options to one individual of the nomination committee's choosing, refuse to allow patrons to write in a qualified member's name, and give district patrons no input on replacing their representative when the elected board member resigns for any reason. At North Prairie Regional Water District I believe the board chairperson personally chose the nominating committee to select the nominees for her own district when her term is up this summer. Although some of these practices may be legal I believe they may also be questionable from an ethical standpoint.

Thank you for your time.

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