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MAJOR RELATED LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE STATE AUDITOR AS OF CROSSOVER

This memorandum provides information on major related legislation affecting the State Auditor as of Crossover:

House Bill No. 1026 - State bonding fund - This bill moves the administration of the state bonding fund from the Insurance Commissioner to the Office of Management and Budget and provides the State Auditor may, upon notification from the Office of Management and Budget of jeopardized fund interests, investigate the relevant state agency or political subdivision and provide a report. The State Auditor may evaluate blanket bond coverage when conducting an audit of a state agency or political subdivision and recommend changes in the amount of coverage in the audit report. Costs incurred by the State Auditor must be paid from the fund.

Senate Bill No. 2251 - State agency billing - This bill:

- Removes the requirement of the State Auditor to bill for agency audits;
- Eliminates billing limits on the financial statement audits of agricultural commodity groups;
- Clarifies the ability of the State Auditor to bill for the federal single audit;
- Reduces the fee retained by a political subdivision awaiting audit report approval by the State Auditor from 20 percent to 5 percent; and
- Increases the annual receipts threshold for audits of occupational or professional boards from \$200,000 to \$2,000,000.

A fiscal note prepared by the State Auditor indicates revenue and other funds expenditure reductions of \$343,353 during the 2025-27 biennium.

Senate Bill No. 2299 - Water resource districts - This bill provides the State Auditor may audit or review the financial records of certain water resource districts upon the petition of at least 10 percent or 300 participating members, whichever is fewer.