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**WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ...  
PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS**

**2005-06**

(session year)

**Senate**

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

**Committee on ... Veterans, Homeland Security,  
Military Affairs, Small Business and Government  
Reform (SC-VHSMASBGR)**

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## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform**

##### **Senate Bill 80**

Relating to: a fraud, waste, and mismanagement hot line at the Legislative Audit Bureau.

By Senators Lassa, Hansen, Carpenter, Wirch and Taylor; cosponsored by Representatives Suder, Turner, Molepske, Albers, Sheridan, Cullen, Berceau and Shilling.

February 24, 2005      Referred to Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform.

January 3, 2006      **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (4)    Senators Brown, Zien, Kanavas and Breske.  
Absent:    (1)    Senator Wirch.

##### Appearances For

- Julie Lassa — State Senator, 24th State Senate District

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- Janice Mueller, Madison — State Auditor, Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB)
- Jacob Klam, Madison — Deputy State Auditor, Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB)

##### Registrations For

- Scott Suder — State Representative, 69th State Assembly District

##### Registrations Against

- None.

February 22, 2006      **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Brown, Zien, Kanavas, Breske and Wirch.  
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Breske, seconded by Senator Zien that **Senate Amendment 1** be recommended for introduction.

Ayes: (5) Senators Brown, Zien, Kanavas, Breske and Wirch.  
Noes: (0) None.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Wirch, seconded by Senator Zien that **Senate Amendment 1** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (5) Senators Brown, Zien, Kanavas, Breske and Wirch.  
Noes: (0) None.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Wirch, seconded by Senator Brown that **Senate Bill 80** be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes: (5) Senators Brown, Zien, Kanavas, Breske and Wirch.  
Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0

Daniel Lindstedt  
Committee Clerk

**SENATE BILL 80 (LRB -2175)**

An Act to create 13.94 (1) (br) of the statutes; relating to: a fraud, waste, and mismanagement hot line at the Legislative Audit Bureau.

**2005**

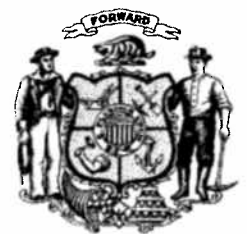
- 02-24. S. Introduced by Senators **Lassa, Hansen, Carpenter, Wirch and Taylor**; cosponsored by Representatives **Suder, Turner, Molepske, Albers, Sheridan, Cullen, Berceau and Shilling**.
- 02-24. S. Read first time and referred to committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform ..... 96
- 03-09. S. Fiscal estimate received.

**2006**

- 01-03. S. Public hearing held.
- 02-22. S. Executive action taken.
- 02-24. S. Report introduction of Senate Amendment 1 recommended by committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform, Ayes 5, Noes 0 (**LRB a2010**) ..... 632
- 02-24. S. Report adoption of Senate Amendment 1 recommended by committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform, Ayes 5, Noes 0 ..... 632
- 02-24. S. Report passage as amended recommended by committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform, Ayes 5, Noes 0 ..... 632
- 02-24. S. Available for scheduling.
- 03-08. S. Placed on calendar 3-9-2006 by committee on Senate Organization.
- 03-09. S. Read a second time ..... 723
- 03-09. S. Senate amendment 1 **adopted** ..... 723
- 03-09. S. Ordered to a third reading ..... 723
- 03-09. S. Rules suspended ..... 723
- 03-09. S. Read a third time and **passed** ..... 723
- 03-09. S. Ordered immediately messaged ..... 725
- 04-07. A. Received from Senate ..... 1008
- 04-07. A. Read first time and referred to committee on Budget Review ..... 1008
- 05-11. A. Failed to concur in pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1 ..... 1134



# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



**SENATE BILL 80 TESTIMONY**  
**Fraud, Waste, and Mismanagement Hotline at the Legislative Audit Bureau**  
**Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business, and**  
**Government Reform**  
**Tuesday, January 3, 2006**  
**1:00 pm**  
**411 South**

Chairperson Brown and fellow members of the Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business, and Government Reform.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to address you today on Senate Bill 80.

As we're all aware, our state has seen a very large deficit over the last few years. As a member of the Legislative Audit Committee, I have witnessed firsthand the misuse and mismanagement of state monies and feel that citizens or state employees could help control the fraudulent use of state funds if they were allowed to anonymously report suspicious activity.

As a response, I have drafted Senate Bill 80 which creates a toll-free hotline that citizens or state employees could call anonymously to report waste, fraud, or mismanagement in state government programs.

The hotline will be housed in the Legislative Audit Bureau and the fiscal impact will be minimal as the legislation only requires the dedication of a phone line with voice mail to take the calls.

I have spoken with LAB regarding how the Bureau would manage the calls. LAB would request that when people call with tips, they leave their name and telephone number for a return call so that LAB can get more information regarding the nature of their call.

In the event that there is an open records request, LAB would keep the name and phone number of the caller confidential. However, the subject of the call would be public record unless LAB was working on a particular audit when the open records request was made.

Several other states have established similar hotlines. Ohio has had the most documented success from their toll-free Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline. Since its inception in 1995 up to December 2001, 639 reports were made and \$16.1 million dollars have been recovered and returned to the state treasury. This shows that there is a lot of money that is being misused within the confines of state government. In these difficult budget times, it seems only sensible that we find waste wherever it is and handle it appropriately. Colorado and Tennessee have also seen successful results from similar initiatives.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue. I am happy to try to answer any questions that you may have.