



**One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009**  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 660**

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**Chairperson:** Brad Ashford  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**Date of Hearing:** March 19, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 660 harmonizes and clarifies provisions regarding the access of both the Legislative Performance Audit Section and the State Auditor of Public Accounts to certain records of state agencies and public entities. The bill is primarily a response to a 2007 Attorney General Opinion pertaining to the Performance Audit Section's ability to access certain privileged or confidential information. The bill, amongst other things, clarifies the Section's authority to access privileged communications and impose a reasonable timeline for compliance with a request for access. As the same Attorney General Opinion states that the State Auditor's general authority to review records exceeds that of the Performance Audit Committee, the bill clarifies the State Auditor's ability to access certain privileged or confidential information by harmonizing statute related to the State Auditor with that related to the Performance Audit Section.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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