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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability (Ring) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 26 - 41

and insert:

Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) be made exempt from s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. As required by the Legislature, OPPAGA may provide independent evaluative research and objective analyses to promote government accountability and the efficient and effective use of public resources. In order for OPPAGA to accomplish this mission, it is necessary that individuals and businesses share information with 12 OPPAGA staff without concerns of competitive disadvantage,

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13 disclosure, or reprisals. Private sector business entities have

14 legitimate concerns that information provided to assist the

15 Legislature in directing policy initiatives has protection from

16 those in the marketplace who could gain financially from the

17 ability to access information collected by OPPAGA. In addition,

18 supervisors and others often want to know