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SB-1 Returns to Committee Following Anonymous Complaint About Previous Hearing

I received an anonymous complaint raising concerns about how SB-1 was handled during its previous committee hearing. The individual asked for more attention to be brought to the bill as it returns for another hearing on October 30. The complainant claimed that the bill failed partly because of absent senators and criticized "senators not voting in a way that would show they care about their constituents' financial burdens."

Senator Steve Choi's (R-37) SB-1, the Tax Relief & Spending Cap Act, previously failed to advance through the Business, Law, and Health Committee on October 23. The bill would limit the ability of state agencies to introduce new fees and surcharges without voter approval. It would also require a two-thirds vote from California voters to approve new taxes, fees, and surcharges affecting property owners and businesses. The bill would require certain state budget surpluses to go toward paying off existing debt before being used for new programs.

With SB-1 returning to committee later today, Choi will have another chance to present the bill and try to get enough support for it to move forward.