

talking a lot about the fiscal impact of this bill and I got some figures and put some quick figures together. What it is, over the past three years, the average per review, it has cost the Foster Care Review Board, is \$214. The average cost in the PPR is \$90, and we even put in money there for overhead, which I think if the PPR is gone out of Social Service, that overhead will probably still be there. So there's a big difference here. We are talking about doubling Foster Care Review Board's budget. We're talking about taking it up to somewhere like 1.3 million. When you take the number of reviews that DSS did last year, when you add in 600 for those that they say they are going to do that were in non-DSS cases but in correction centers, you come up with 6,154 reviews, and taking that times \$214 puts us at \$1.3 million. Now if the system was broke, maybe we would need to spend this, but in none of our interim studies did we say things were wrong with what was happening. Remember that Foster Care Review Board agrees with 70 percent of the reviews from the PPR reviews. It's not that big a problem. But let me tell you, I think it's great when you have a problem and you have Foster Care Review Board to call. We had trouble at Wayne Detention Center up in my area and it was the Foster Care Review Board who was able to get in and find out those problems, and that's important. But there never has been anything that said what we're doing is wrong. There's problems between the two of them. We would like to have that worked out. That was where we were going for. There is some duplication. We were trying to work that out. But if we're going to spend all this money, I can think of a lot better uses that go directly to the children. Senator Beutler and I both had bills this year to insure children. With what we're spending here that would go a long way to doing that. I think we need to think long and hard about what the fiscal impact of this is going to be. If you really think that the system is that broke and that's where you want to spend your money, that's fine. I haven't heard that we have a real problem with that. We still are getting children reviewed; yes, we have some duplication. But, again, think about where you want to spend your money. For children there are areas that I would much prefer to put the money than in doing this system totally upside down. I don't think there is that much wrong with our system. And I think there's just another thing that we have to realize, one of the other parts in the bill says the State Board may assist the department as to eligibility under Title IV-E. PPRs presently do not do that, so there's going to have to be...they give that to someone who is an expert in that field to help identify the eligibility, so this isn't even