

this on April 1. Okay? Then they immediately start in and there is 60 days for applicant groups to come forward that now have the 11 bills before the Legislature and submit an application for this review. Then there is a period of time between when they make that application until January 1 in which a final report will be prepared and sent to the Legislature. The director will, after the applicant makes the application, will appoint a technical committee subject to the advice of the Board of Health and this technical committee will then review the situation, they could hold hearings and can do whatever they want to and come up with some recommendations. They send this report of recommendations to the Director of Health and to the Board of Health and the Board of Health has the option if they want to to comment or to have any changes or whatever and have a separate report from them. Then the Director of Health gets the report from the technical committee and they have the option of accepting it and sending it on or having an addendum for their own report or whatever. So that one way or the other, we are able to by January 1, have a second opinion so to speak on these different applications that are now before the Legislature and essentially that is what we're trying to accomplish here with LB 407. We would like to have a second opinion for the committee to consider and the Legislature to consider. It's a situation now where it's a 't is, 't ain't type discussion. One group comes in and says, 't is so, and the other group that doesn't like it says, 't ain't so, and as a result we never are really sure of who is absolutely right and who is absolutely wrong. It is a very difficult process to work through when you don't have the expertise. But by working through this separate second opinion so to speak, we get an independent group with some expertise in the area who are in many cases, health professionals, who can look at the information, review it and get back to the committee and the Legislature with their opinion as to it. Now after this review is done and after the report is sent to the Legislature there is no binding requirement on the Legislature. If the report says, no, you can't license these people, that's a dumb idea or we recommend that you don't do this or you recommend that you do, all it is is an opinion. It helps us sort through the situation. Then it's really up to the committee and the Legislature as to what action we take. So it is not binding on the Legislature, but it is advisory and it would be very helpful to the Public Health and Welfare Committee to have this. So that's the process under the amendments. It would