

Anticipate that at some point a large number of those 145 health occupations will want to be licensed, registered or certified. Now what happens when the glut comes? What happens when we have even more than 11 bills in one session? We don't do the job at all. We aren't able to function properly through the legislative process to resolve these differences. So we are trying to anticipate a problem here but a problem that will be greater even in the future and so we have tried to set up a more systematic way for these different professions to come before the Legislature and the executive branch to review their requests. And again I emphasize, this is a review process. This is not a delegation of authority. All this does is say, Health Department, you look at the situation, look at both sides, do a report and come back to the committee and the Legislature and let us know what your thought is, a second opinion. At that point the Legislature can take whatever action we feel appropriate. We can oppose the bills. We can amend the bills. We can pass the bills. But at least we have somebody out there who is independent, who has reviewed the situation to make a recommendation to us. Now my sense is in terms of the question Senator Chambers raised about the Director being a doctor and making the final report and being able to ignore the committee recommendations, what we are really trying to do is not only get a second opinion but a series of second opinions. We want a separate technical committee to look at this independently and come in with a report. That report then will go to the Board of Health. The Board of Health for the first year because of the time constraints doesn't have to make any further recommendation or action on it but if they want to, they can, and it gives them the option. After this first year they would have a second report that they could submit. Then it goes to the Director of the Department of Health and the Director under the bill what we are trying to say is could ignore the original report and doesn't have to be bound by it to make their own recommendation so that they can add to the report and addendum or separate report and then send everything, all of it, back over to the Legislature in a final summary of what people are recommending. So if everybody is in agreement, you will have a committee, a board and the director all saying this is what we think ought to happen. In places of disagreement, you may have the committee saying one thing, the board another and the Director yet another, but at least it will have the reasoning behind it, the background on it