

definition of affected person. The effect of leaving language "but not limited to" in the bill is to allow the Department of Health to define affected person as they desire, and as you can see by looking at the white copy of the bill, affected person is a very long definition which includes "persons who proposed a project, members of the public who would receive services from the project, health care facilities located in the service area, health care facilities" and a number of others. It is a very broad definition of affected persons. That is one of the major committee amendments. Number three is an amendment that, in the sheet and you can read the amendment for yourself, but the purpose of the amendment is so that the certificate of need review would be triggered by a reallocation of beds from one facility to another or more than ten beds or ten percent of the total bed capacity over two years. This is required in minimum federal regulations and it was omitted in the green copy of the bill and so here is the case where the Public Health and Welfare Committee brings the standards up to the federal standards. Number five, and I will skip over some of these, is an important amendment. This amendment, and the purpose of the amendment is to authorize the Department of Health to adopt an abbreviated application for nonsubstantive reviews. The section references are changed and there is language which is deleted which is not clear. This is important because if an application has to be submitted for a non-substantive review, then you might as well not have a nonsubstantial review because these are sometimes documents an inch or two inches thick and that is an important amendment that does meet with federal guidelines. Amendment #6, this is an amendment that allows for the Department or requires the Department of Health to consult with the health systems agencies and others when they are adopting conditions under which nonsubstantive review could be conducted and it puts conditions is used in place of criteria to avoid some confusion with inconsistent terms in the bill. Number ten, this particular amendment, the purpose of this amendment is to clarify the definition of an incomplete application so that a health care provider who applies, submits an application to the Department of Health will have some information and you can read the language in the amendment. "The Department may find that an application form has not been answered in whole or in part, has been answered in a manner that does not fairly meet the question addressed or does not include attachments or supporting documents necessary." Then it requires the Department to notify the applicant so that he can provide the correct information, and basically the intent of this portion of the committee amendments is to ensure that