

that I think we have too many of these and that they are somewhat out of control in terms of the coordination of services in the state. That's not to say that this one is. That is my general philosophic and belief from experience. If you take a look at this particular commission and if you take a look, and I wish you would, on page 3 and 4 of the general kinds of purposes that this commission is supposed to support, you will see that generally speaking they're informational kinds of services conducting a sentence, providing counseling, providing a statewide list of persons who can do certain sorts of services that can be made available. So it's inventories, it's coordination of services and it even has some very broad language, one that I'd like particularly to bring to your attention on page 4, up on line 3, number 9, it says, assess and monitor programs for services to the hearing-impaired and make recommendations to those state agencies providing such services regarding changes necessary to improve the quality and coordination of the services. This is exactly what I think these kinds of commissions, if we're going to have them, should be doing. But now this bill takes a quantum leap forward in a different perspective, at least from my perspective. It seems to be saying we're not going to tell DPI, for example, what it is they need to do to properly service the hearing-impaired but we're going to provide it. We're going to place these devices, we're going to acquire these devices and place them in these institutions, we're going to train people in these institutions to do these things. We're going to do all the communicating and interpretive services. You know, down on page 5, under Section 7, it says one of the principal purposes or one of the principal things this commission should watch out for is the duplication of services. We state it right there because we were afraid of that when we put this commission into effect. By the way, this commission has been here since I first started in the Legislature. It started out with a couple of people and now it's up to eight providing these coordination services, and I mention that not to be critical. They may well need those eight, but I'm mentioning it to you just to indicate that just for the minimal purposes of providing some general coordination we're up to eight people. If we're now going to provide all these other things, and this bill seems to be making the strong point that this commission is to do more than just coordinate but it's rather to get into the provision of services, I don't like that approach. I would rather have them under the code agencies. I would rather have them at least responsible to the Governor. If we don't like it, we can complain about how the