

recruited and trained. It will add six new employees. It will transfer those employees from the Department of Social Services. These boards and these employees will all need to be trained. That will give the Foster Care Review Board agency a total then of 16 review specialists, 44 boards, 308 people. The timeline that's set up, I think, is very unrealistic. It calls for an evaluation which I don't think is timely...in its timeliness will allow the evaluation to be complete and to be able to come back to here...to the Legislature to see where we need to go after these pilot programs are in place. I don't think it's realistic to think that the present administration will be able to almost double their work without adding additional clerical, without adding additional supervisors and it would be reasonable to think that they would be added, but none of that has been considered in the implementation process, how the fiscal note will come out. And in visiting with the fiscal staff, and they worked very diligently to put some figures together as to where we would go in the future, it's the timeliness and how often it's been changed, they have not had good time to be able to put the figures together. They've not been able to sit down with both agencies as far as the Department of Social Services and the Foster Care Review Board together to figure out if the fiscal note actually is what's being envisioned. My main concern is the implementation of what we're doing and I don't think it's been thought through well how it would be done and are there perhaps part of the other plans that have gone through a task force with three alternatives, three different situations that have been introduced here on the floor that there isn't a better common ground getting all parties together, whether it be legislators that agree or disagree with this particular premise that's out there right now and the agencies themselves. It's a very huge step that we're taking in creating a completely different...the beginnings of a completely different review system for foster children. Our present system, though we may not like it and we want to change it, and I think that's what we're looking towards doing, does allow for a review and a random review. If what is proposed goes through, a different agency will be doing the total review and there will be no checks and balances. There will be no random review. I still am one of those people that believes a random review is very necessary to see what process, whoever is doing it, be it Foster Care Review Board or DSS, has a check on it with a random review. This proposal would not allow that. To be able to look at it and look at it carefully over the interim, I believe the bracket is a very sensible approach. It's not meant to kill the