

they're going to start a new program every day, which I don't think that will happen. But just a little bit of oversight in these areas because of the language, the specific language, I hope you read the specific language in this amendment. It talks about during incarceration the committed offender shall comply with the department approved personalized program plan, and the department shall provide programs to allow compliance by the committed offender with the department approved personalized program plan. So we're saying while they're incarcerated they have to comply with the personalized department approved program, and the department has to comply with that personalized program. So we've got an awful lot of shalls and mandates and making everybody do everything here, and then you go through this whole list of programs that we're offering and do offer at this time. And then at the end of that we put in language that's wide open--any other program deemed necessary and appropriate by the department. To me that tells me that we may have trouble controlling the costs of this part...this portion of this amendment. We may have trouble with liability. If we say that every individual has to be in these programs and we have to provide every program that they're in, then we don't do that, does that mean they have cause to come back on the state, that the state has to be liable because we're not providing what they need for their good time? I mean there's a whole lot of questions here. And all I wanted to do was put in a little bit of language in there that has some oversight after we go ahead, or you go ahead and approve this amendment then we would have a little bit of oversight by the Governor. And it surprises me that senators can trust the heads of the Corrections Department and not trust the Governor. But to me an individual who is an elected official may have just a little more reason to be accountable. I'm not saying that the department heads are not accountable. But to me when you have some public scrutiny of an area, you might have a little closer inspection of those areas and it might keep him or her aware of what is going on in those areas as the Legislature can't be, because we're not here year round and we don't have any idea once something like this goes through, especially with language like this in it, what's going to happen. I know fiscal has said it's going to be around a half a million dollars a year. But with the language in this portion of the amendment I personally do not see how that would be possible, but maybe it is. And if it isn't, I hope those of you who have confidence in this part of the amendment will come back and change the language. If costs get out of control in these areas our own Appropriations Chairman has said that there's