

Program Evaluation Committee of the Legislature shall do so. I'm not sure that's good policy to have that in statute, Senator Avery. And it might be something we just...it would be better to work with the chair of the committee at some point to see if they would agree to do so. But I'm not sure we want to start putting in statute what committees shall do and what they shall not do as far as their prerogatives of reviews and what have you. But nonetheless, that's just something we can discuss between now and next year and maybe it will be just fine. The one thing that I do have, I have an amendment, and certainly I'm not going to talk about it today, I'm going to withdraw the amendment today, that if we get to the point where foster care does all of the reviews, whether that...and I would hope for the sake of this amendment that that would be a positive thing, that that would...that we would do so because it would be in the best interests of the children. But if that happened, I think there needs to be some very serious discussion as far as accountability. DSS, whether we like them or not, whether we approve of what they do or not, there is some accountability if we choose to hold them accountable. And it's up to us to do so. If we give all of the reviews to foster care, as an independent entity, I'm not sure who actually is going to be accountable. I don't know how we can go in and make any changes with the exception of working with the budget. Then it's kind of like the university or other areas, when you work with a budget you may make a point because you're mad, but you actually end up hurting the kids or hurting the students. So one of the amendments, Senator Avery that I will be having on Select File, and I talk about it now briefly so that during the interim we can work out some of the details and maybe come to some type of consensus then, is making the Foster Care Review Board a code agency. If we're going to do such, if we're going to make a major swing and in essence create a new bureaucracy that we're going to fund and they're going to do these things in the best interests of the child, there needs to be some accountability at some point, we need to have some type of input, some type of meaningful input rather than just a dialogue and suggesting we'd like to have this done and we hope and keep our fingers crossed they do, making the Foster Care Review Board a code agency would provide some of that criteria. That amendment is there, I'm not going to pursue that this year, there's no need to pursue that this year. Senator Avery, it is one that I think we're going to have to have serious discussions on this summer and as the bill progresses. So...and my intent on the code agency would also be not making it a code agency with the two pilot projects, if