

citizen review will remain the same, only that it will be broadened. So I just caution you in looking at the changes and your expectations of what will happen with this bill may not happen simply because you will still have the citizen review. My contention is that it will do just as much, offer just as much benefit, do just as much good, the way we have in the system right now as it will be if we change it and then looking at what kind of control the state has. That is why I offer this particular amendment. I know it is not going to be a particularly popular amendment to most, to quite a few of you who are in support of this bill, but I think it is important that we look at accountability since we are changing that review process, taking it out of what is currently a state agency, and a code agency and we take it over. I would like to have you...and hand it over to a commission basically to do the work. The amendment is what it does very simply is makes Foster Care Review Board a state agency and a code agency. We can then look at the kinds of, I believe, controls that we had in the past and what we will need in the future and where it will fit into the total area of what we now look at all health and human service and different programs that impact children. I think it is important that they be there so that we can have some, I think, types of, that it falls into the rules and regulations systems and looks at the accountability when it comes to the state. One of the things that I believe we need to look at is how you basically feel about those current agencies that are out there as a commission that are not code agencies and your objections that you have to that particular type of system. And some of the problems that we incur along the way by having those commission elect the director and what kind of controls and input we can have into that process. When we are now looking at all the internal reviews, basically in long term I am going to say, and I'm going to say that probably not going to go back to DSS and the Foster Care Review Board will be doing them, I think we have to look at what kinds of checks and balances we have in the system and that this would do it. Senator Landis, you had mentioned what do we need for a consensus to be able to move this bill and to go ahead and get it implemented. In my case it would be accepting this amendment. If this amendment would be approved, I would vote for LB 642 and I think then we would be able to have some of the kinds of oversight that we need in this particular program and some of the controls that I think should be in place. With that I would urge the adoption of this amendment.