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SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay, so is that.... It would seem to me, I'll make...it seems to me that that's something that we should flush out at this point in time as to, you know, what type of fiscal impact that...small, granted, in comparison to what we're talking about here, billions of dollars, granted, but whether or not we're talking about what type of a position for half of a fiscal year that we're going to have to fund, and so that's one...

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, sure.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...one concern that I have. The second, and I want to make sure that I'm just not misunderstanding what you've presented to us so far. But between now and the first of the year, what you will see or what the state will see is a continuation of what the agency directors have been doing for the past eight or nine months. They're going to continue to meet and continue to try to put together the specifics that fill into this framework. Is that correct?

SENATOR WESELY: That's correct, yes.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay, so we're not talking about any employees, at this point in time, becoming employees of a different agency, because those agencies don't even go into effect until January 1 of next year, right?

SENATOR WESELY: That's right.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay. Some...will they...is it appropriate now, or would it be more appropriate later for them to provide the Legislature with the number of employees that we're talking about in the five agencies, in each of the five agencies, and if they have started to work on or develop, then which employees and the number of employees will be assigned to the three new agencies? Is that appropriate now?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, in a sense all that will occur when these new entities come into effect, in January. They'll be shifted around, whoever the employees are, and so they will actually move. But the actual integration and changes and job changes, that...nothing really will occur in that fashion. They'll just....