

people, then maybe there are some other areas that they could look at to save some money. So what this amendment does is simply say in the plan that you're going to develop to do all these wonderful things, and using all this language that, of course, means nothing, in this plan that you're going to put together could you look at reducing the operating costs as a result of this restructuring. And that's what my amendment does, it says a plan to reduce operation costs as a result of combining the agencies involved. I think if we're going to talk about restructuring, one of the areas that we might look at, in the restructuring, is cutting costs. I realize that's difficult for some to do, but I think it's something that needs to be done. At least if we can't do it on the legislative floor, maybe they can come to us with some suggestions, with their plan and their restructuring, to go ahead and maybe somebody can save a dollar or two, even if it's, you know, not a whole lot of money, you know a dollar saved is a dollar earned. So even if we can save a little bit of money and they realize that as they're looking at this restructuring effort and they say, hey, maybe we could save a little money there, maybe they could just write that into their plan. And that's what this amendment would do is say if you're planning could you just take one extra look at a way to possibly reduce costs. It doesn't say you have to reduce costs, it doesn't say you even have to. It just says, a plan to reduce operation costs as a result of combining the agencies involved. So if there's any cost at all involved in combining these agencies, we're asking them to let us know which areas we can look at to save those costs. So maybe when we do our budget next year, although this plan doesn't come to us until December 1st, it's still in time for the Appropriations Committee to look at it. When they do their budget next year maybe they can have some suggestions in there on ways that we can cut some of the costs, because I am constantly told that they have looked everywhere. Well, these people will be looking very closely at this restructuring movement. So maybe on the off chance that they will see some area where some money could be saved, we're asking them to just let us know. That's the only requirement in here. They're already putting all kinds of requirements, if you read down page 4 into this plan that they're going to put together, but nowhere does it talk about saving money. That's all my amendment would do, it would just ask to include in their plan some suggestions, if there are any, on ways to save money. And I would ask for your adoption of this amendment. Thank you.