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of the relationship between this bill and central collection and when we will be implementing central collection and...of child support, and I think that maybe most of us know that...know this already but there is going to be a delay in the implementation of the centralized collection of child support. The CHARTS system, the computer system that is necessary to...for the central collection, is...will not be functioning in the way that it needs to be functioning in time for us to move forward with the central collection of child support during this coming year. I do not believe that this should, in any way, impact LB 414 because...because LB 414 is implemented over a period of years. Most definitely, it would be my absolute commitment that we will have implemented centralized collection of child support far before the time that we are fully implemented on LB 414. I will be pushing in every way possible, as I'm sure every member of the Appropriations Committee and probably many other members of the Legislature will be pushing, that we resolve the problems with CHARTS as quickly as possible so that we can quit being fined by the federal government for being out of compliance with our computer system. There has been a temporary hold places on being sanctioned for having the centralized collection system up and so we are fortunate that we will not be fined in that regard, but we are being fined currently for being out of compliance with our computer system and that fine will continue. And so it is absolutely in our interest to get this situation resolved as quickly as possible, but there...LB...the way that LB 414 is structured there should be plenty of transition time and it should really not be a problem at all that...that from the standpoint of this bill. It's a big problem from the standpoint I think of our...us doing what we need to be doing for children and also us doing what we need to be doing for what we told the federal government we would do, that CHARTS is not out, but I don't think it has anything to do with LB 414. I am leaning towards supporting LB 414 and I have been listening a lot to some of the concerns and obviously, from a fiscal standpoint, any new spending is something that makes me a little nervous. But I've been listening for some of the...the problem areas that I think that have led us to really have concerns about the takeover of these county functions. I've seen what's happened with the county assessor program and so one of the things that I'm looking...