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incomprehensible by any event, whether or not you happen to be computer literate. You would only have to be computer literate to manipulate and to perform the study. I think that study is interesting reading. The conclusions from the IMPLAN analysis are basically what you see in the fiscal note for the bill about its projected cost over the next four years. And it's true that the IMPLAN analysis does go out as far as 10 years. That was a prudent kind of analysis to have prepared. At the time that was being prepared, there was no sunset in the bill and, in fact, there still isn't a sunset in the bill unless this body adopts the committee amendments. So there is, in fact, a longer term analysis than just the terms that would be in the bill if the committee amendment is adopted. But, again, that analysis had to be prepared on the green copy of the bill, not necessarily what we could speculate this Legislature might do or what the Revenue Committee might recommend. At any rate, I do recommend reading the IMPLAN analysis to you. It is not all that difficult to go, and I think it illustrates one way to evaluate these kinds of proposals that I think is valuable to us as a decision-making tool. The other analysis that Senator Matzke alluded to is the TRAIN analysis, and that is a more complex and comprehensive analysis, if you will. It is a different kind of analysis than the IMPLAN analysis because the other analysis done with TRAIN is an econometric, basically an econometric model. It is designed to take into account a number of potential impacts and effects of a piece of legislation. Now we don't intend that those kinds of analysis be confined to economic development initiatives. This is a relatively new tool for the Legislature. It was developed over several years and at some fair amount of cost. It is a process that is available, again I will note, for other kinds of proposals that would come to us, not just economic development proposals. So even if you would not otherwise think you're interested in the analysis, again I would recommend that analysis to you. It is not, I would assert, impenetrable. It can be understood and it does...it's, I hope, a valuable tool for us. I hope you all become familiar with the tool and the process. I expect that you will hear more about the work product that this can...can present for us, as time goes on. It does have limitations, and as Senator Matzke pointed out that one of those limitations was made explicit even in the report. It is not, these analyses are not intended to be the final word. Obviously, the final word on