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have to file an annual budget statement with the State Auditor. The second section makes the local public health department the entity that will enforce regulations relative to the spread of contagious, infectious, and malignant diseases. This is important for the fact that if a county does not have a health department then that responsibility remains under the purview of the county board and the local sheriff. And it is more logical, as we've seen this last year, last two years with West Nile and with other public health issues, to have the health department take the lead in this area. Section 3 is important as we found that it establishes a public health department as a governmental entity. This was done to address an issue that was raised by the insurance industry. Are health departments county entities? Are they independent entities, or are they something else? And I think it was very clear the intent was they are a political subdivision, but it's been impossible, virtually impossible, for most of these health departments to get an insurance company to write any type of policy or to be accepted on a county policy because of the ambiguity. So it's not just health insurance the departments are having difficulty in obtaining, but also liability, workmen's comp, property, et cetera. Section 4 permits any state department or agency to contract with a public health department for the performance of public health, administrative or other functions, and this was a piece the health departments asked us to put in so that this would give them...give them that authority. Section 4, let's see, Section 4 I just covered. Section 5 will amend the...it's fairly simple but it is significant. Under LB 692, the public health section received \$5.8 million to develop the health departments and then continued to offer infrastructure dollars to the county and per capita dollars to help with the programs. Now, not all of the counties have opted to meet the requirements in order to access these funds. Now almost all of them have. If they...they might have all done it by now, but it was necessary to put the language in to make sure any of those that hadn't, if there are any unused dollars at the end of the fiscal year, the intent of the language in LB 692 is to make sure that those dollars roll over into the public health fund for the next year. And that way our original promise of all the public health dollars go back into public health would be...would be kept. So, as of a cutoff date of January 1 of each year, if the