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statute. Maybe they are. And if they are, it's not in an organizational sense. And I might add, along those lines, that by the same token, ESUs, which of course are mentioned organizationally in the statutes, have also sort of evolved according to need or a desire to address certain functions, to the point where you've got, at least in a case or two, an ESU that specializes in technology and serves not only that area for that ESU, but a number of others as well. So it's...my understanding is that it's a structure that sort of evolved without the benefit of statute to sort of address needs as they appeared.

SENATOR BROWN: So the idea of the study is to get some control of the structure before we start spending money, or more money.

SENATOR RAIKES: That would be my assessment of it, Senator. That is, that really the structure would need to be defined first, before there was any recommendation about the funding. And again,...

SENATOR BROWN: Well, and I would...and then I would say that this discussion that we're having, would seem to me that we should lean towards the Beutler-Chambers approach. Because if we don't yet know exactly what it is that we want, exactly what the structure should be, then how can we start determining at this point the amount of money? And one of the things that I would...and you can respond to this, but one of the things that would think is, if you're involved in an auction and you've put either \$10 million or \$8 million on the table, that becomes your bottom number, and it only goes up from there. Would you like to respond to that?

SENATOR RAIKES: Certainly you're right, Senator, that at least a big...or an important part of this is negotiations with providers on services and equipment and that sort of thing. But another important part of this is informing the Legislature in the budgeting process what an appropriate system might cost, so that appropriate planning can be in place to accommodate that. You're absolutely correct, we don't know for sure what the task force would come up with.