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being challenged in court by some who have less than favorable opinions of our system, and maybe that's a lack of will to do something at the appropriate time in order to resolve some of those issues. But again, maybe it comes back to the fact we lack the wisdom. I don't know that for sure, and I appreciate the experience that Senator Howard brings to us from her many years of work. And I, you know, there's 12 different groups that have done studies. I would wonder whether they were completely independent, but we all have a perspective. If Senator Friend wants to put the five senators in the room with the Governor, they're probably going to be just as biased as any group that you would get to do a study, because we're going to have our own perspective of what should be done. I don't know that you're truly going to find a completely independent group of elected officials on any issue. But I do think this gives us a great opportunity. I think it gives us a great opportunity to look at what's in the budget. We just talked about trying to figure out a way to replace federal funds with state funds. Currently in the budget, there's over \$400,000 of ongoing spending from our General Fund that will be replacing federal spending as a result of the budget cuts in Washington, so we are doing that now. That's in at least three programs, if not more. So it's not like we've gone down that slippery slope and decided to hang back on the cliff and say, no, we're not going down there. We're already going down there. So it is interesting, and there's a whole lot of other things that are in this budget and it's appropriate to talk about priorities. And Senator Howard has brought this up as, is this a priority of where we'd like to spend half a million dollars? On the face, I would probably agree with her. And I'm torn on not knowing exactly what the previous results have been, and serving on the Health Committee for a number of years and figuring out what it is that we're being told from different advocates to accomplish a goal, but we know there's a problem. You know, one of the first things that I did when I was elected in 2000 was I traveled throughout my district. I have eight counties, and we had a meeting in each county to discuss the issues that the Legislature was going to be dealing with. In one of the counties that I went to, we had a meeting and most of the people there were elected officials. They were, you know, former or current elected officials, but they were generally all business