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Thank you. Let me indicate to you that this is...what is being done here is similar to what has been done with the clerks of the county court. We're not taking up every individual category of state expense altogether. We can't do it all at once. We've been doing it in pieces, sizable pieces. The judges all around the state preferred to have their bailiffs not in this system. The bailiffs are not part of the clerks of the...not part of the district court clerk's office. They're aside from the district court clerk's office. So that's another piece that Senator Stuthman can do one day, if he thinks the county should be relieved of that expense. But that's not an unfunded mandate. I mean, the county is paying for them now. They'll continue to pay for them. What we're suggesting with this bill is that everybody that works in the clerks of the district court office, those are the ones that will be picked up by the state. Now you know, if the counties had not been relieved by the state of a whole, large number of expenditures over time, they would be in bad shape today. That's one of the ways that we've sought to help counties over the years. In the area of Health and Human Services, the counties would be overwhelmed today, if we hadn't picked up, as a state, the expenses in that area. The assessor's thing was done...it wasn't mandated that they all be done at one point in time. This bill has an organized, systematic approach that is put into law at one time, but takes place in transition over 12 years. So it's a completely different kind of format and a different kind of way of relating to the counties. So having said that...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...in response to some of the criticism of the bill, let me move over to the strong positive side of this bill. Clerks of the district court are managers, they're not policymakers, and they need to work efficiently, and they need to work hand in glove with the judges, the judges, the local judges that run the system in that particular area. And so it only makes sense that the judges should be the ones that choose the clerks of the district court, and there's a system put into place in this bill that provides for a ton of input and provides for local judges choosing local clerks of the district court. And that system, I submit to you, overall will be a far, far