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[00:00:00] **Speaker 1** The core function of legislative branch, of course, is budgeting and funding. There was not any consultation with JFC before DHS put out this plan. Now that's perfectly within their rights. They can do that. But it's also with our within our right as a legislature's finance committee to review those expenditures. And we reviewed the plan, I think it was 15 business days, which I think is pretty good to communicate with the community stakeholders that we wanted more involved in this plan that I think we're just forgotten about. And again, that legislative oversight by the GFC that was agreed to by the governor. So it shouldn't be any surprise that we had every right and ability to weigh in on this plan and try to make it better, which I think is what we what we did a $31 million. That is serious money that we're talking about here. It's one year PR for the Department of Military Affairs. It's twice it's a two year budget for the Department of Administration or the Supreme Court. So it is a lot of money. And of course, it's money that we just found, I guess, because nobody was anticipating this this award coming coming through, at least this type of money. And over the years, we have had the hope agenda, dozens of bills, many bipartisan, many that some of you on the other side of the aisle. And so it's not like we have never been doing anything and oh, my gosh, we waited this time to get this money out and nothing was happening in the meantime. We've just been ignoring this problem. No. It's been years and dozens of bills where we've been trying to address this problem, do the best that we can with it. Now, again, there's partners out there with documented successes, and those are the people that we want to get involved in this process. People who have shown they can be effective. And so there were certainly some good ideas in the plan. But again, I think it's better now. And one of the areas that was most neglected and breached and touched upon here was the support of law enforcement. I think almost every interaction with state and local governments have with the impact of the opioid epidemic start through law enforcement. If you're talking first responders being trained, equipped and prepared, EMS providing life lifesaving care, initial screening and treatment in the jails as well as the TED courts that we all have. And these things weren't dealt with in this, but in this proposal from DHS. And I think they're extremely important and I'm very happy to see that we have included those in there. It was a significant oversight, really. And, you know, these are this a basket of vital services that law enforcement provides that we can't ignore. And as far as deterrence, yeah, we need deterrence. And and in terms of on the front end. But I'll tell you what, when people understand that there's repercussions to what's going on with the with the opioid epidemic, that there certainly that is a deterrent to when others can see what's happening in terms of what law enforcement is forced to do, that that's a deterrence. And that's going to stop people from even beginning this downward spiral of of drug abuse. Not everyone, but some. And it's a part of a of this whole discussion that we can't we can't ignore. And I'm glad we've been able to. So, again, I want to thank my colleagues for working quickly to look at this plan and make it better. And I'm very confident it's a better plan, and I look forward to voting positively for this plan. Thank you.