

SENATOR CROSBY: Be happy to answer your questions if I can.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Thank you. The first one would be if we looked at the commission and their role in the specialist that we're looking at, are we looking here at another commission? And I say another because we do have several in the state where the commission would be responsible for the hiring, the supervising and the oversight of this person?

SENATOR CROSBY: No, it's the Commission of the Hearing Impaired that would do that.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes.

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SENATOR CROSBY: We're not setting up a new commission.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Why was the decision to have the Hearing Impaired Commission do this rather than DPI?

SENATOR CROSBY: Because we're charging the commission with the implementation and the coordination of the services for the hearing impaired.

SENATOR HILLMAN: But why not put that particular charge with DPI?

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, I guess I would not want to put that charge to DPI because I think the commission is the one who are...who is...the commission is the group that listens to this group of people and works with them and understands their needs a lot better. DPI has all kinds of people that they have to serve. So I think the commission is the place to leave it. Does that make sense?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Well, it does, except I think, I guess, from my opinion we had had some difficulties in the past, I think, in looking at the commission forum and there has been some question about how effective it is and I was just wondering if it wouldn't...couldn't...

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, I think...