

on a regular basis and somebody who can handle that case and sort of reduce the risk of postconviction relief. The other things that LB 646 will do will provide us with reasonable compensation for those people. It will give us increased legal resources by those people being able to go out...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...and provide that sort of representation. They also have access to other individuals to sit and discuss the case and the ability to bounce a case off of each other and sort of look down the road and see where those possible appeal issues may be and to provide these people with a good defense. It's not popular to provide people with defense and, consequently, that has been reflected over the years. If you're going to cut short, people want to cut short the defense of someone and I understand that. There is a frustration, but in the long run you pay for those sorts of things, and what you need to do is have a system here that I would envision and the amendment that I will offer here that will strip away the county contribution point or at this point strip away the county contribution and would allow for state funding. I think that that provides probably the purest form of relief. It provides for the easiest way to manage those funds. I don't want a pool of money right now that we would reimburse counties because there would never be enough money.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Mr. Clerk, amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a series of amendments to the committee amendments. I believe that Senator Kristensen, as principal introducer, has amendments filed and, therefore, would be offered at this time. Senator, your first amendment is AM1276 but I have a note you wish to withdraw that particular amendment?

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Well, and substitute AM1474, Senator?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, I want to make sure that I...before I make that request what I would like to do is take up AM1474 first and then, depending upon the outcome of that amendment, AM1276 would be next after that in line, if the Clerk and Chair understand my request to take 1474 first and then 1276.