

their requests, how does the executive director or whoever is running the commission, I forgot what you called him...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: That would be the chief counsel and,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Chief counsel, okay.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...quite frankly, they're probably going to be out in the field doing stuff too.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I don't see this as a large crew with the luxury of having an executive director. I see this as somebody being the chief lead counsel having maybe three or four assistants and they're all sort of in making sure that the system runs, but with that limited number, they're all going to have to be working hands on cases.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. As the system, especially in its formative stages will work, I assume that there will be far more applications for that small amount of money than there is money to deal with them. How will the decision be made as to which requests will be addressed or assisted?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: It would run, and my conception of this would be it would run in two ways. The first of all, the commission itself which is the, and you'll see the appointment of those and I believe it's nine people, would I think set up some standards and enter in and sort of be the provider or the implementer of the system. The chief counsel would be the one that would take that framework and then apply it to the day-to-day workings, so I envision the commission setting up saying, look, here's generally the types of cases and types of things that we want to be able to provide,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...they do the data collection, sort of get an idea of where the greatest need in the state would be, but I think they would probably let the chief counsel be the one who actually goes out and runs the operation and says yes or no. I assume there could be some...if they didn't like what the chief counsel said they could come to the full commission and try to gain access in that manner.