

bill will have no impact on the way a public defender operates their office other than it could be of great assistance to them when they have a conflict case. And a conflict case, again, is where the public defender represented the defendant in the trial, and on appeal, the defendant says, they were incompetent, they didn't do their job. Well, so if somebody is arguing that you are incompetent, you can't represent them. Then you are the issue. You are the fact that they are litigating. So the courts require that someone represent them differently than did at the trial, and that's where Lancaster and Douglas County come in. They have tremendous amounts of conflicts, and their conflicts are just as expensive as anybody else, and that is the reason they can utilize it. Even if it is one case, it pays for them, and it does help them out. We're not putting in a series of money, I know here are people that thought that we are sending money to counties. We are not doing that. We are sending bodies. We are sending people to assist them and not reimbursing them money. And with that, I would be happy to answer any questions. I think that this amendment has been out there long enough. I hope people have had a chance to look at it, and I would be glad to try to answer any questions.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator...thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Pirsch, followed by Senators Beutler and Matzke.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. Senator Kristensen, if you would yield again so we could continue...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Sure, sure, you bet.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...our dialogue, and you said we are not just sending money.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: We are not sending any money.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Right.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay.

SENATOR PIRSCH: We are sending people.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And have you...