

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: The body is probably (interruption).

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...have you explored just establishing a fund from the state or state aid for those extraordinary cases?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, we have. In fact, that is where the green copy comes from because what we did was we created a pool of money at the state level, and that the counties where there was going to be a match back in, and they contributed on the basis of population. But here's the problem. Douglas County says, why in the world should we put any money into that pot because it is going to be the little counties that are going to get the money. The little counties say, why should we put any money into that pot because it is only going to be the big counties that are going to use it. Neither one of them trust each other.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, and that...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I know that is surprising but...

SENATOR PIRSCH: I guess it is not surprising.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: That's the reason we went to the state funding.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I have real problems with trusting that this is going to accomplish it and to actually, as you said, you truly believe it will save money.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Pirsch...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Now it will save money for the counties...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...but I fear it is not going to save money county statewide, that it will, indeed, be another, as Senator Hartnett said, another commission that will justify itself by finding more and more to do.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Could we...could we go back to that point just real quickly about...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Sure.