

being out rather than here. I guess that's...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: But, Senator Hartnett, if you have a trial, that's where they'll go. But a lot of these cases are also going to be appeals, and all the defendants are fairly centrally located here.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Have you seen the indigent task force study?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I was on that task force.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Do you believe in all of the recommendations that have been made?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Oh, obviously I didn't agree with all of them, but there's a large number of them that I really support, yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: But like the...a public defender for all counties, a full-time public defender for counties over 3,500?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, I think they could save money. I think you've got public defenders out there that don't want to be full time because they want to make money on the side, and I think that that's an abuse. But...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...I'm not out to change that.

SENATOR HARTNETT: But are there, you know, well, the thing that came up in a discussion about this bill was that in Dodge County the county commissioners wanted to make a full-time public defender, but the attorneys in the area didn't want it.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well,...

SENATOR HARTNETT: I think you'd, you know, find that.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: We had...I'll just tell you about our county. We're the...I think we're the smallest county to have a public defender and we thought it was the greatest thing going. You know, it's not a whole lot of fun to get appointed to represent a drug dealer in a county where, if you do your job and get them off, you become the most hated person in the world