

than you could hire attorneys on an individual basis for individual cases, that's when you started looking at it in dollars and cents. It's a little more difficult here as the state enters into this because different costs across the state vary by county and much of the discussion has been going on. I think that, over time, I am convinced, just as the public defender system is in the counties, that this would be helpful to the state and its entities across the state, and, hopefully, over time would save money at all levels. I assume that even in ten years it will be difficult to document because the money will be saved at different levels, you'll never really know how much more efficient the appeal process...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...was or the lack of appeals may be because of the quality of defense. But I do think Senator Kristensen has an idea that needs to be pursued and I'm going to support his amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Lindsay, on the Kristensen amendment.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President and members. If I could ask Senator Kristensen a few questions.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Doug, if I could kind of pick up, it's going to be a little bit where Senator Hall left off, I think.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Let me ask you first, the thrust of the...if the amendment is adopted, it would become the bill. Isn't that correct?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yeah, I think that's accurate, right, that's kind of the reason I did it that way so it's easier to see.

SENATOR LINDSAY: So the thrust of the amendment or the bill then would be, at least the thrust of it would be to provide