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SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, but I don't think that that will go very far, Senator Lindsay, and I don't think that will happen. And if it does, it will happen about once and this place comes unglued, and I mean that can happen with any agency and...

SENATOR LINDSAY: Right, but it's...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...and it could happen...

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...Senator Kristensen, Senator Kristensen, if we look back though a page, it's on line 21, page 4, it's the commission shall, this is mandatory that they can do these studies.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, it's mandatory that they...you've got to give them some direction. We could say they may promote rules and regulations. Well, what happens if they don't do it? I mean, you're giving them some direction.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Uh-huh, well, and that's the fear, we're giving them some direction is exactly the fear I have.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Right, but you're not...you're not binding them to those. I think you're giving them some decent direction.

SENATOR LINDSAY: And the reason I say that is we spent a good chunk of money on a...not we, I believe it's the Bar Association did on a study of indigent defense systems, and I can see those dollars adding up and being used for some of these other things, including statewide data collection,...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...things like that. Let me ask you, we'll move on again then to page 6, the chief counsel, page 6, lines 19 and 20, again, that's your intent to allow this chief counsel to serve as a lobbyist?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, I think that's a gross mischaracterization of it. It allows them the ability to come before the Legislature, but I tell you to term them a lobbyist is not accurate, just not accurate.