

that would be the case, how do these other mandated activities get taken care of?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, I'm going to try to follow you, Senator Hall. But what happens is if you don't have enough money, obviously, where are you going to get the money? You can't go off and put on...let's say you want to put on a...let's take the worst case scenario, let's say that they want to have an indigent defense seminar at the O.J. Simpson trial and they want to take people out there. They don't have enough money to do that. I mean, that's just not going to happen. That happens with every agency. We say, here's what you should be doing as an agency, but we only give them limited funds and they have to make do with what they have. We've got a lot of agencies out there that have directions to do numbers of things, but we run that through the appropriations process that they don't, for example, they don't get more computers, or they don't get money to go out and perform audits or whatever that may be.

SENATOR HALL: But the appropriations process allows for deficit appropriations, isn't that right?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, in certain instances. But here that...we only give so much money, they're not going to be able to go off and say, look, we've got a constitutional right to have more money.

SENATOR HALL: Well, but if we do have a statutory right that the counties can say, look, it says that you shall allow or support, provide indigent defense in these areas,...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: On a...on a...and then read the rest of that, subject to the caseload standards of the commission.

SENATOR HALL: So in other words, we don't know what...and what are those, I guess, rather than lay that out, what are those caseload standards?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: That's what we've been discussing about that that's going to have to be a case-by-case determination and that's what this commission is going to do. They, obviously, are going to have limited resources and they can't be everything to every person so they're going to have to...