

chief counsel shall appear before the Legislature, and we know what happens when we create the commissions that are not only in power to but mandated to come before the Legislature, I think we all know what happens when the bureaucracy is first established, what is going to happen in coming years. Subsection (6) convening conferences and training seminars, which I contend is outside of what the bill is being sold as which is providing that resource center to the counties, the providing of legal services. Providing seminars can eat up, start eating into that chunk of money that is intended to reduce the legal workload on the local counties. Again, performing other duties as may be directed by the commission, again, clearly something the commission can do. Establishing projects as directed by the commission, again something they can do. And then it goes into the collection and development of statistical data, those types things. These are all things that the commission can very clearly empower the chief counsel to do. It is at best repetitive or worst repetitive and, depending on your viewpoint, and, I guess, the other extreme could be that it's allowing inadvertently maybe, or maybe intentionally allowing powers that are not intended to be given to either the commission or the chief counsel. So the reason behind it is that anything that we can give to the chief counsel, we can give to the commission if that's what we want to do, but there's no reason to be enumerating specifically statutorily giving functions and powers to a chief counsel that will now be serving at the pleasure of the commission when those can clearly be done by the commission. And as I mentioned, there's two or three of those in there that, I think, expand the function of the commission into something that other than what it's...I believe it has been intended to do which is to provide those services to the local, to the counties. With that, I'd urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen, on the Lindsay amendment.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose Section 11. Obviously, the striking of that section, except for the first part of the Lindsay amendment, is not being damaging and perhaps would make people more comfortable with the bill, but Section 11 is important because you need the chief counsel, obviously, to make the thing work and we've taken this and this has been drawn on on other things we've done in statute where we've had a commission and we've had an executive director or whoever is doing that, they've got to be able to day to day run the