

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...there's still always one more thing and, quite frankly, I'll live with what we took out and we took out those standards, that's fine, that's the will of the Legislature, I'll live with it. That's great.

SENATOR LINDSAY: I agree, the will of the Legislature I'll live with, too, but that's primarily because it's a constitutional thing and I have to. So I don't know that you're agreeing to anything much that way. What I'm saying and I will draft up an amendment that says that and if the will of the body is that we're not intending to empower this commission to establish guidelines so we can drive up the costs of the county, property tax is a concern to me this year. That's...I think anybody who has been in Douglas County knows that's a concern and if we're going to be establishing standards and guidelines that have to be complied with and one of the guidelines I think nationally is that we should be, Douglas County should be at 55 public defenders instead of 27. If that's the kind of thing that we're intending commission to be able to do, then we ought to be prepared to do that.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members, again I rise in support of the amendment that I offered that really, based on Senator Kristensen's debate, I should probably flip the amendment on its head and strip Sections 1 and 9 and leave 2 though 8 in the proposal because he feels that somehow my amendment would make it too broad, but, in fact, it leaves language in there that's presently in the proposal if you don't adopt the measure. In other words, under the amendment as it currently exists, you would still have the ability to do what is allowed for in Sections 1 and 9 and all the other...not allow, you would have the requirement on the part of the commission to do all those things. It's not a matter of somehow making it too broad because those are in there right now. If they're in there right now then it's too broad as it presently exists, and to say that by taking Sections 2 through 8 out of subsection (9) makes it too broad, I guess then what we need to do in order to specify what happens with the commission there ought to be a subsection (10) that says and this and nothing more. In other words, the commission shall not be allowed to do anything else, only these items that are spelled out specifically here and it's clear, from listening to Senator Kristensen's comments, that these are broad delegations of...or requirements for purposes of