

level to handle indigent defense cases, because it's going to be wholly inadequate to provide the defense across the state. And I realize that if you're going to start with the state system, you've got to start somewhere. I predict that this will become...it will become a statewide public defender system eventually if allowed...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ..if allowed to work because I think that it just will evolve into that. That is...that's the way these things go. Now is that good or is it bad? I am not 100 percent sure. Personally, I would prefer, I would prefer, through interlocal cooperative agreements, I'd prefer regional public defenders. I'd prefer local involvement and control of those things with some assistance from the state as the need arises. That would be my preference, but I think...I think what we're going to do is to wind up with a...with a public defender system statewide that's going to be grossly underfunded and we'll be able to simply give counties hope that we've got some help here but in reality there won't be time, people or the budget to give them the...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ..help they're going to need. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Mr. President, I'll yield my time to Senator Bromm if he...would you like to talk? I yield my time to Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Abboud, and I and, you know, I'm not used to getting up and I don't, Senator Kristensen, I don't want to...my intent is not to harass your bill. I want to assure you of that. But I want to have a very good discussion on this bill and I wanted to take the time that I think it deserves because I think it is a significant policy decision and change that the state needs to be aware of that we're making, that the people need to be aware of that we're making and that people understand the scope of it and that we make it clear through legislative record what our intent is here. My...my understanding from our discussion so far, which is fairly...fairly limited on this bill, is that it is not the