

because you bring up in a point and I want help make a pitch for what you're doing with your counties because I've tried to do the same thing with getting counties together to form public defender groups through interlocal agreements and I'll tell you, they'll get to the point, they'll come together, they'll have meetings and they'll, in fact, draft the agreements and then the meeting will occur with everybody as, well, who has control and where's this person going to come from, and if we don't like what they're doing, can my county fire them? And if they come from your county, all of a sudden the dissent starts to creep into it. But the best thing you can tell your counties is that they ought to get together with those local, interlocal agreements for the defense of juvenile cases, for misdemeanors. And you can have all sorts of things out there, but I'll tell you, what you're doing, Senator Bromm, is absolutely what needs to get done to address the entire system. And this...this bill that we're creating here is going to be able to take a lot of the pressure off of that agreement because what is the biggest impediment to interlocal agreements is when you have one major case and that one or two persons that you've hired goes to another county and spends all their time doing that one case and your county cases where you've spent money to pay their salary and their overhead isn't getting done. And they say, hold it, that's not fair; we've got all these cases; we've got these misdemeanors; we've got important cases too. But when that capital case hits it sucks up all the time and the resources and the attention and this bill will take the pressure off of those counties and allow them the opportunity to join into those interlocal agreements. And so I think the best thing you can do,...

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SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ..Senator Bromm, is go back and encourage those people that this is exactly the opportunity and this will be an assistance to them to put those interlocal agreements together. Again, I think we've outlined what this amendment would do. We've kind of gotten lost in my remaining time. This does allow for the charge back of the counties for one-third of the actual expenses involved so that's going to help drive down the fiscal note. It's also going to have the counties buy in and there will sort of be a deductible. We take out many of the things that Senator Hall and Senator Lindsay found to be