

try to find out if there is any way that some of the services that are provided by state institutions where people from western Nebraska have to go clear to Norfolk or other places clean across the state, when those services are provided in a local community, although they be private, couldn't assume a contract with the state or with the county to take care of them?

SENATOR HUDKINS: Well, I am assuming that those contracts could be done, yes.

SENATOR HILLMAN: But you don't think they currently are?

SENATOR HUDKINS: Not to my knowledge.

SENATOR HILLMAN: So that person would be housed in a state facility whether the county pays the bill or the state pays the bill?

SENATOR HUDKINS: That's correct.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Hudkins or exchange a little information with her. I am a cosponsor on this bill. I very much support the general concept. I have a little concern about how far we've gone, and with the particular language in this bill, and I just want to explore it a little further to be sure I understand it correctly, first of all, and, then, to see what you think of a couple of thoughts. Putting this category we are dealing with in perspective here, you've done that for us, and as I understand it, if we were talking about a civil, purely civil proceeding, which we are not in this case, but if we were, and the county had directed that somebody be put in an institution for a period of time, not somebody that committed any crime, but just the average person out there. In that case, the cost would be split between the county and the state in accordance with 83-376, is that not correct?

SENATOR HUDKINS: There is, yes, provision where the county pays I think it is like \$15 a day for a set amount of time, and then after that, it is only \$3 a day.