

entities, and one of them you mentioned was county hospitals. One of the thoughts that came to my mind was is that I don't, I'm sure all of us can continue to think of ways and spin-offs and impact that this bill will have that we currently didn't recognize when they first seen it. And my thought was, in the area of health care, when we're looking at also networking with hospitals, health care providers being able to, in some instances, even consolidate those kinds of services. This would be an opportunity for counties to be able to say to some of those health providers, perhaps there's a better way for you to do things, encourage them to look at networking with other areas.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I think that's a very practical result of what can occur because if you're going to, for example, in a county hospital, you got a county hospital in a smaller county that's bumping up against their seven cents that they can do. And a county board says, whoa, we can afford three, but not seven, that's going to force them to look for some other areas. And maybe it means that that county hospital's going to be more geared for long-term care, with a emergency room, affiliating with a larger hospital, doing those sorts of things. Those people are resourceful people on those boards, you know. That's, that's what goes unsaid here is that we're going to trust the judgement of any of those local officials to find ways to live within these, these limits and these types of requirements. And, yeah, I'm fairly encouraged they'll do that.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Thank you. And as this debate continues I guess I would encourage the body, which I'm sure they are doing, but to listen and to be thinking about all what I think could be more benefits, perhaps, from this kind of legislation than what we first considered. And that...and for instance, of how it could impact health care in other areas. There'll be many, I think, other agencies and programs and taxing entities that could only benefit from the type of dialogue that we're suggesting here. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I did talk to Senator Wickersham about this provision on page 17 that I was interested in. And the question of the bonded indebtedness is not what is uppermost in my mind, but the