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the people that serve on these regional boards and county boards are also involved in the process of the mental health board...

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR HILLMAN: ...we currently have. They are also involved in other areas of the delivery of health, you know, OJS, I mean all of those. Do you not think as these different entities get together looking at what the future is going to be that they are going to recognize perhaps, and the initiative can come from them in saying, we need to reduce the number of boards and we can see the value of that but we are going to do that...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR HILLMAN: ...rather than to say, again in this instance, the state, because I think some of the concerns perhaps would be with this is that there will be an increase of state employees, there will be a takeover in case management and that they won't have any kind of input that they currently have where they might realize themselves of what they might need to do in the future without us telling them to do it through 1059.

SENATOR WESELY: You know, I wish that were true. If I believed that would happen, I would prefer that route as well. I think instead it is very difficult to give up a control, an influence that you now have. And this has been a struggle for a long time and so I don't see it changing without us intervening. I wish it were otherwise, Senator Hillman, but I don't know how we get there without this step being taken by us.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay. Thank you Senator Wesely, it is obviously a problem and I'm not too sure that I can support 1059 at this time and...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR HILLMAN: ...I do know you are trying to reduce some of that administration cost across the state.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: ...members of the body, Senator Hillman really asked about everything I wanted to ask. I was kind of listening