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change is made in the authorities, and that is the ability to assign a portion of your tax authority. It's not new or additional tax authority, it is an assignment of some of your existing authority. You can effectively do that now, just through a different mechanism. But, Senator, I will yield some time to you. I don't know how many times you've pushed your button, but I want to be able to continue to try to respond to your questions, but I will...I will continue to go back to the point that there is not a great deal new in this proposal, except the kind of entity that you create to carry out the function under the Interlocal Agreement. And the type of entity is important because it allows you a more efficient structure to operate under than a private, nonprofit corporation. I would yield the rest of my time to Senator Beutler, if he has additional questions.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, let me ask you a little bit about the power of the board to create committees. Are these new entities under the Budget Act, by the way?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: They're...yes, they would...they would be under the political subdivisions act, the Budget Act covers, generically, political subdivisions, so they would automatically be included. They're automatically included in the open meetings provisions, they're automatically included in the tort claims provisions, they're automatically included in a number of ways, and that's partly what I think would make them a little more efficient. You don't have to file a budget for a current interlocal 501(c)(3) that's formed under an interlocal agreement.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. With regard to the creation of committees and subcommittees, as I understand the language of the bill, once you have this joint entity, you could create subcommittees, and those subcommittees would have whatever powers or duties the board would specify.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's right, and you could do that now.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I don't think you can do it, Senator,