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question?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brown, why do counties engage in the collection and disbursement currently?

SENATOR BROWN: The clerk of the district court gets the information...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, no, not how. Why do the counties do this now? Are they required by law to do these things?

SENATOR BROWN: They do it because the clerk gets the information from the court system. Yes, they are required by law.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, even without this amendment, they would still have to do this, wouldn't they, because we're not repealing any existing statute?

SENATOR BROWN: But they receive 66 percent of the cost of doing that from the federal government.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, if they cease receiving that, the obligation and duty would still be on the counties to do this, isn't that true?

SENATOR BROWN: Senator, I would need to check and make sure...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR BROWN: ...what kind of obligation is required.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Brown. Members of the Legislature, I understand that Senator Brown is trying to bring a message to us, through her amendment. But if a duty is placed on a political subdivision by the state to carry out a certain function, that subdivision must do so. Even if the state had been granting some financial assistance then decides not to, the state would have to enact legislation to do that. And if the obligation were to remain, the political subdivision would have