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facility. And we're going to have differing opinions, but I want to tell you what my vision for this facility is. It should be used as a treatment facility, it should not be used as a housing unit. There are two reasons for that, one is this is very, very expensive construction. It was built to be a treatment facility. If you look at the facility master plan, there is a proposal for this year of a parole revocation facility for 30, 35, I believe, it's \$2.2 million. This is the 75-bed...78-bed facility that would cost \$19 million, just by way of comparison. It's expensive to build, it should be used for its highest and best use. And we should be able to be effective with the kids that we place there and we should hold the departments accountable for being effective with that money. So I think, rather than build two of this type of facility, the best thing to do would be to take this facility back, allow it to serve both systems, and in our long-term planning spend the extra \$6 million to double it in size so that you could serve more youth, if that were the policy decision of the Legislature.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: What's before you today is to say, what's the best use of this facility? What do we have the resources to do? How can we make a best policy decision? And to me the policy decision is not only cost, it deals with the length of time people are being held, currently they're being released at age 19, they're only there a few months, it's not enough time to be effective and treatment is not...only one housing unit is being used for treatment, for chemical dependency treatment, eight beds at the current time. I think we need to take this facility, give it its best possible use, make our work most effective in terms of outcome. It's an expensive facility, it was built as a treatment facility, and that's what we should be using it for. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I don't often do this, but I want to acknowledge the hard work, over a period of time, that Senator Thompson has done on this and related issues. I still have questions, though. If we make a policy decision, the Legislature will then be through with it.