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we're doing here is creating another bureaucracy. Community-based programs to access funding through grants, RFPs, whatever it might be, are going to have to jump through another bureaucratic hoop to treat these offenders, to treat these probationers and parolees. It doesn't make any sense. It makes absolutely no sense to create another bureaucracy, from the perspective, through community-based treatment programs. We have a system in place. It works, but it's underfunded. It works, but it's underfunded. And it is our region system, our six regions. And I want to also emphasize this concept of community corrections. If you want to truly have community corrections, what better way to do it than involve all of our counties throughout the state? This will involve localities. You know, in treatment, what necessarily works in Ogallala may not work in Omaha, and vice versa. This regional concept, this regional-local concept is what appeals to me in terms of this bill and how it can work in concert with community corrections. It's just simply the funding is not there. The constitutional question, separation of powers, fees go to executive branch agencies all the time. Public Advocacy Commission, indigent defense fund, that is moving a judicial fee over to an executive branch agency. Retirement, judicial retirements, fees are collected go to the Investment Council. Investment Council, under the control of the Governor, appointed by the Governor. So I do not think that these constitutional questions are valid, quite frankly. I think that this is something that can be done. And secondly, the monies that would be collected through these fees will not rest with Health and Human Services. They simply pass through to community-based programming for substance abuse and mental health. I just think this makes sense. I think it's logical. I think what we're doing in the bill is creating another bureaucracy for service delivery. And I think it's unnecessary. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Senator Brashear, on the Synowiecki amendment.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, I'm going to...I'm like Senator Pedersen. There's much that I agree with Senator Synowiecki on. And he has informed me in many ways. I simply cannot and will not yield, unless the body makes me,