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SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes, I do. Yes, I do, Senator. We've been having discussion with the Supreme Court for over a year now. And although they want uniformity, I think they're going to take a serious hard look at what is successful, and understanding that not everything is going to be perfectly the same from county to county. And I think they'll be a little bit adaptable in that area, so that some of the fine points of a specific area aren't lost.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay. That would be my concern. If you felt like they could do that, I would be in full support of this. I think we need to do something to relieve our overcrowding in the prisons, especially those that maybe are first-time offenders and have a lot of hope of getting some help and not going back again. And so I wholeheartedly support the amendment and the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator Vrtiska, on the Hartnett amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Aguilar, you're on your feet. Could I ask you a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Aguilar, would you respond?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I look at this as a compromise that probably can be worked out on Select. But I just need to ask the one question that I think you have touched on before, but I think I need to reiterate what was said. These programs are paid for by...majority, by federal funds. Is that correct?

SENATOR AGUILAR: By federal grants, yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: By federal grants.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Is that what you asked me?

SENATOR VRTISKA: There's also some input from the counties and