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house the prisoners. We have the same...we have the same situation in Platte County, where if we tried to remodel or anything like that then we was out...totally out of compliance. But we weren't up to standards, but if we didn't do anything we could still house prisoners.

SENATOR AGUILAR: That's correct.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay. How many...how many...what size of a jail do you have in the county?

SENATOR AGUILAR: What they're looking for is a capacity of about 350 beds.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: About 350 beds is what they're trying to do. Are they trying to develop a regional setting for this?

SENATOR AGUILAR: I think you could say that, because they are asked consistently to house prisoners from other parts of the state.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay. At the present time, does Hall County farm out prisoners because they don't have the room?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes, they farm out prisoners, and a lot of them not just for that reason but for other reasons, like if they want to separate a couple, for instance.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay. Okay. Thank you. I'm going to give you a little history as to what had taken place in Platte County. Platte County, we were...we have a 27-bed facility. Had at the present time, a year and a half ago, we had as many as 45 inmates housed out. We decided the amount of money that we were spending on housing, leasing other facilities, came to \$360,000 a year. We as a board decided to go to the voters, have a bond, see if it was passed. They did approve the bond. We utilized the obligation, the bond payment. We was able to have that under our lid limit. We built a facility of 132 beds, you know, way more than we needed ourself, and we felt that, you know, in the future there would be a possibility of leasing these rooms out and generating some income. Well, within eight