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SENATOR JENSEN: That probably could have happened. I do believe that this is a better solution, however.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm understanding what you're doing now.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Could DED...

SENATOR JENSEN: Could they have done it? Yes, they might have had to hire some people or consult and bring some more people in. I think Health and Human Services has a...behavioral health division, has a better opportunity to see these funds go where they're needed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, is this behavioral health services division a part of HHSS?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, it is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And HHSS and DED do not work together unless there's statutory authorization or direction to do so. Is that true?

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, they can work together. I think this lays it out a lot better.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Members of the Legislature, Senator Jensen and Senator Redfield have explained what they're attempting to do by this bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I'm still not clear on why it is necessary other than that DED was not of a mind to manage these funds in the way intended by the Legislature because DED felt it lacked the expertise. I need to ask Senator Jensen another question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen.