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the Medicaid program. They do that right now, do they not?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So it's not intended, with that broad authority, that they have any ability to change existing statutes or to do anything they could not currently otherwise do. Would that be accurate?

SENATOR JENSEN: That's correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Then in the next paragraph, it's under new language again, it says, "The department may enter into contracts and interagency agreements." They can do that already, right?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: "Adopt and promulgate rule and regulations," they can do that. "Adopt fee schedules," is that a new authority or is that...can they do that now?

SENATOR JENSEN: They can do that through rules and regs.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So, in your opinion, there's no new authority in that line to them.

SENATOR JENSEN: I believe that's correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. "Apply for and implement waivers and managed care plans for eligible recipients," is there any new authority intended there?

SENATOR JENSEN: No, they do that right now.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. "And perform such other activities as necessary and appropriate to carry out its duties under the Medical Assistance Act." Do you intend that that would empower them to have any new authorities?

SENATOR JENSEN: No, I look at this as a recodification of their