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large Indian populations. There's two Reservations in Thurston County and one in Knox County. Now we are letting the Sheriff have his money for law enforcement duties separate from the Indian Commission. We are also providing that the Indian Commission shall contract with nonprofit organizations in anyplace where there is Indian population. ~~Primarily~~ in the first year we are only funding enough to meet the needs of Thurston and Knox County. Next year we may, for example, fund enough to meet some Indian problems in Alliance or Scotts bluff or anywhere else but we are leaving it up to the Indian Commission to contract with bona fide nonprofit organizations in the various communities of the state to deliver alcohol treatment programs to the Indian populations of their community.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, what are these programs?

SENATOR GOODRICH: What do you mean what are they? They are alcohol or drug programs.

SENATOR NICHOL: What are they going to do? How are they going to treat them? Are they going to through them in jail again or...

SENATOR GOODRICH: No.

SENATOR NICHOL: Who's going to take them, who's going to start it, who's going to handle it?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay. You are not getting what I am saying, apparently. I'm saying that the Indian Commission at the cross right here in Lincoln shall contract with private nonprofit organizations. Excuse me, or any public...

SENATOR NICHOL: Like for instance who?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Oh, for example, there are two, the tribal council of Thurston County is a private nonprofit corporation entity. The Tribal Council of each of the three tribes. Now there may be, for example, Senator Stull up in Alliance has got an Indian treatment, alcohol treatment program for Indian peoples up there that is operating to treat either drug or alcohol problems of Indians in their community. In otherwords, we are letting the Indian Commission contract with those groups to deliver the service to the Indian population to treat people with drug or alcohol problems.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, thank you sir. I still don't understand it very well but maybe it's alright, I don't know.

SEN. MILLS: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I would like to challenge the decision of the Chair but I won't. I would ask Senator Goodrich a question. Senator, under 131 the state is presently funding at least Thurston County based on the acreage that is held in trust lands for the agency. We are furnishing state funds now to be used for law enforcement and alcoholic treatment. I think we specified both of those under 131. Is this going to be in addition to that 131?