

state money if such a commission exists?

SENATOR WARNER: That is just primarily a service organization. They provide direct services, many of them state and federal funds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are there any aspects of what they do that are not in the nature of direct services?

SENATOR WARNER: Oh, I am sure there could be a fraction of it, Senator Chambers, but it is primarily services.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was that fraction cut out?

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, that which is not direct services, did you cut their budget so that they are only funded for the direct services that they give?

SENATOR WARNER: No, Senator Chambers, if you would go back to our original appropriations from the request to now to the cut that we made earlier, yes, there have been reductions in the Department of Aging. There has been jobs eliminated. There have been reductions in aging. They have not escaped but we have cut...we did not provide new money for expanded services but essentially existing direct services were retained but no expansion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right, now if there are circumstances that can identify Hispanics as a recognizable group, what agency provides the services to them in the same way services are provided directly to the aged?

SENATOR WARNER: The concept, Senator Chambers, is I know of no...well, all direct services that the state provides for all citizens are available to all citizens. I don't know how to...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, a commission was set up for the Mexican-Americans and for the Indians because they were perceived by the Legislature as distinctive identifiable groups with peculiar problems different from those of the population as a whole. So I am just trying to find out, because the Budget Committee knows more about all of these agencies than the rest of us, which agencies provide