

GOVERNOR KOSTER ADMITS HELPED BY OMBUDSMAN SERVICE SUPERVISION

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Denpasar (ANTARA) - Governor Bali Wayan Koster admitted being helped by Ombudsman supervision of public services in Bali.

"Regional government cannot do everything on its own, ombudsman helps ensure public services run better, because we must support each other for the sake of the community," Koster said in Denpasar, Friday.

Koster said, improving services to the community is not the responsibility of one institution alone, but rather requires support and collaboration from all government agencies.

Bali Province itself is very helped by the existence of ombudsman who carries out supervision functions over public services.

"Success in providing quality services will certainly give a positive image for regional government, but the main role in supervision remains in the hands of ombudsman so its existence must be strengthened," he said.

During a visit by the Chairman of the Ombudsman RI Rahmadi Indra Tektona and his team, Koster emphasized that all vertical government agencies in Bali have the same goal, namely providing the best services to the community.

For that reason, Bali Province is ready to provide support, including to new central agencies that are just starting.

"Regional government is an extension of the central government in the region, because of that, as long as for the sake of public services, there must be mutual support," he said.

Through synergy that is increasingly tight between Bali Province and Ombudsman RI, it is hoped that the quality of public services in the Island of Dewata will continue to improve so that the community can obtain services that are fast, transparent, accountable, and fair.

Chairman of the Ombudsman RI Rahmadi Indra Tektona, as the leader of the delegation, then expressed appreciation for the support that has been given by Bali Province.

According to him, synergy that has been established is hoped to be increasingly solid so that it can support the improvement of the quality of public services in various sectors.

Ia juga menepis anggapan bahwa penerimaan hibah dari pemerintah daerah dapat memengaruhi independensi lembaga ombudsman.

Menurutnya, integritas sebuah lembaga tidak diukur dari ada atau tidaknya hibah yang diterima, melainkan dari kejujuran dan profesionalisme dalam menjalankan tugas.

"Hibah merupakan bentuk kerja sama dan saling mendukung antara pemerintah pusat dengan pemerintah daerah, begitu pula sebaliknya, hal itu tidak mengurangi integritas ombudsman dalam menjalankan fungsi pengawasan," kata Rahmadi.

Hal ini disampaikan sembari menyampaikan ucapan terima kasih atas dukungan pemberian hibah lahan untuk pembangunan kantor Ombudsman Perwakilan Provinsi Bali.