

SENATOR WITEK: And you just want those statistics compiled in this request?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well, I am not just saying that. Why are people...that's one example. You've asked for examples of what would be included. I don't know what else would be included because I haven't done an in-depth look at it. But, I mean, a breakdown of who is going to prison, for what offenses, what kind of background.

SENATOR WITEK: So, are you wanting to show some correlation between a specific crime bill that was passed through the Legislature and how many individuals are in prison based on that? Is that what you are looking for?

SENATOR LINDSAY: No.

SENATOR WITEK: Because I know when you were, several years ago, on 507, looking for a four-year fiscal note and thinking that that was the way to go at that time, that you wanted to show the impact then of that specific crime or any future crime legislation that that would have on the prison population, not just in numbers at that time, but also individual counts and money. Is that what you are again looking for with this?

SENATOR LINDSAY: No. That's...that's I think or at least would hope that there would be a proposed rule change that would take care of that type of thing. What we are talking about is...is what percent, let me ask you, what percent of our popula...of our prison population is for nonviolent first offenses?

SENATOR WITEK: Okay, that's what you want...

SENATOR LINDSAY: And you don't know. I don't know, but we should know before we build a prison to house them, and that's...that's the...I mean just the kind of information that we're looking for is who is going to prison and why are they going to prison, and that's an in-depth sort of process. No, we are not trying to specifically get it back to a particular bill. I think we can already do that.

SENATOR WITEK: I guess when I hear you reference, and you've done it on several occasions, and I even talked to you about it, that you say things that we do that cause the prison population