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SENATOR ENGEL: That's correct, that's correct. If the county attorneys don't want to pursue that, they don't have to. But that is an option they can use, if they so desire.

SENATOR HILGERT: Okay.

SENATOR ENGEL: We're not telling them they have to do this, but they can, if they want to pursue it and get that evidence, they can use it to enhance the conviction.

SENATOR HILGERT: Well, then what criteria would a county attorney use to make the decision to pursue a case or not, whether they feel like it, or like it, or they're busy, or does their county have enough money, or how...what...

SENATOR ENGEL: I think...all I can tell you is what I think. I don't know what they would do,...

SENATOR HILGERT: Sure.

SENATOR ENGEL: ...but I know where I live, in South Sioux City, Nebraska, they would probably check it out, because we have so many of those people coming to our state that have had prior convictions and they have found that through other means. But if they've got a reason to look for it and we give to them with this bill where they could enhance the penalty, then I think they would pursue it more than they have in the past, because in the past what good did it do?

SENATOR HILGERT: Sure. And what would that reason be?

SENATOR ENGEL: They could enhance the penalty if they could have had two convictions in another state and only one here, and you know, as you're an attorney, you know a conviction is more...I mean the penalty is more for a third than it is for first.

SENATOR HILGERT: I understand that, and I applaud that. But what would the reason, you said if the county attorney has a reason to do some research, what...

SENATOR ENGEL: Well, I guess, we're giving him...