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pay and the kind of leverage that you're getting, makes perfect sense; any economic benefit derived from noncompliance, that's a fairly typical provision with regard to environmental law and other areas, and that makes perfect sense. And I am adding a fourth criteria which says, "whether the violator has been previously convicted or subjected to a civil penalty under this section." So in other words, I want...I would like...I would prefer to reenforce that law in instances where you have somebody that not only is flaunting the law in the first instance, but then thinks it's worth his while to go ahead and break the law for another considerable period of time until he is caught again. And that process is very detrimental and very costly to the NRD and to the man's neighbors, who have all agreed to abide by a certain set of rules. And so I think it is a legitimate factor to consider whether the violator hasn't...this is his first time or whether this is a continuing violation, and would recommend to you that we inject this additional criteria into the set of criteria for assessing civil penalties. Thank you.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The Chair recognizes Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, thank you, Senator Beutler, for bringing this. I think it will put some strength into what we're trying to do. Obviously, we are not trying to get at the person who unintentionally violates NRD regulations, whether it means tampering with well meters or misapplication of fertilizer. We're trying to get at the bad actor, the person that intentionally violates, and there is very few of those out there. But right now our laws are not strong enough. The fine is not large enough for it to be a deterrent, especially if you're a big operator. And so your amendment would bring some more teeth into this. It would redirect...it would allow the penalties to be commensurate with the intentions and the extent of the violation. And so I think it's a very good amendment and you've explained it very well. I appreciate that and I would ask the body to move that amendment forward.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.