PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2023

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on page 1249 of the Senate Journal and page 1180 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2023 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 2, after "indigents" insert "; and to create and enact a new section to chapter 54-61 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to contracting for public defenders"

Page 1, line 12, replace "214,904" with "209,669" and replace "11,425,600" with "11,420,365"

Page 1, line 15, replace "(\$34,608)" with "(\$39,843)" and replace "9,475,383" with "9,470,148"

Page 1, after line 16, insert:

"**SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 54-61 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

<u>Contract services.</u> The commission on legal counsel for indigents shall contract for public defender services at a minimum level of fifty percent of its biennial caseload."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT - LC 98042.0202 FN 1

A copy of the statement of purpose of amendment is attached.