

Engrossed HB 1470
House Human Services Committee
March 29, 2021
Testimony of Travis W. Finck, Executive Director, NDCLCI

Madam Chair Lee, members of the Senate Human Services Committee, my name is Travis Finck and I am the executive director for the North Dakota Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents. The Commission is the state agency responsible for the delivery of indigent defense services in North Dakota. I rise today on behalf of the Commission to provide testimony in support of Engrossed HB 1470.

Madam Chair, the Commission has long been aware of the increasing intersection of our jobs in representing individuals accused of a crime and helping them deal with behavioral health needs. Many of the clients we represent suffer from some sort of behavioral health issues. Therefore, the Commission wholly supports the idea the legislative assembly would study the needs of incarcerated adults including access, availability, and delivery of behavioral health services.

Therefore, Madam Chair, members of the Senate Human Services Committee, on behalf of the Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents, we support this bill and ask this committee to give this bill a favorable DO PASS recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Travis W. Finck', written over a large, horizontal, oval-shaped scribble.

Travis W. Finck
Executive Director, NDCLCI