

Engrossed HB 1427  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
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Madam Chair Larson, members of the Judiciary 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 HB 1427.

The Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents has been extensively involved in juvenile justice reform efforts in the state. The Commission continues to support this work as an ongoing process. HB 1427 serves as a companion bill and supplements the efforts of HB 1035. Indigent Defense is specifically mentioned in the Planning Committee for Alternatives to Juvenile Detention. The Commission has dedicated itself to this continued work and thanks the sponsor of this bill, our juvenile justice reform partners' and the legislature for giving us a seat at the table to continue these important discussions.

Madam Chair, members of the Committee, the Commission requests a do pass recommendation on HB 1427.

Respectfully Submitted:



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