

HB 1470  
House Human Services Committee  
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Chairman Weisz, members of the House 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 Section 2 of HB 1470.

Mr. Chairman, Indigent Defense supports the study component of HB 1470. The Commission has long been aware of the increasing intersection of our jobs in representing individuals with 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, Mr. Chairman, members of the House Human Services Committee, on behalf of the Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents, we support section 2 of this bill and ask this committee to give that section a DO PASS recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted:



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