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Chairman Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee. I have input this bill on behalf of the North Dakota Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents, which I have been a member of the commission since the end of the 2017 legislative session.

Engrossed SB 2174 is bill that allows the commission to conduct a nationwide background check on employees who have access to confidential information.

Through meetings with the commission it was determined this national background check is needed if someone was coming from out of state, and the current state background check wouldn't detect any infractions that may have happened out of that prior state.

This bill allows the commission to have improved background information for new hires that are moving in from out of state.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, this bill you have in front of you was amended in which it limited the ability of the commission to conduct the national background check only on final applicants and volunteers at the discretion of the commission.

Thank you very much for your time. I ask for you positive recommendation out of committee, and I will stand for any questions.