

HB 1022
House Appropriations
Government Operations Division
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Testimony of Travis W. Finck, Executive Director, NDCLCI

ONE PAGER PER REQUEST

The Commission authorized the undersigned to submit a budget with three decision packages. The only decision package the Governor did not include in the executive recommendation was \$450,000 to provide equity increases to employees to combat turnover and to assist in recruiting attorneys. The Governor did recommend an equity package in which specific positions are identified. It is believed the Commission would receive some money in that recommendation for attorney positions.

The \$450,000 was reached by comparing our attorney positions to positions in the Court and in prosecutor's offices where we have public defender offices. The amount requested is the number to bring those underpaid positions more in balance with like counterparts.

Respectfully submitted:



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