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HB1140

Good morning Chairman and committee. For the record my name is Bernie Satrom and I serve the great people of District 12 of Jamestown and NE Stutsman County.

Today I bring before you HB1140 for your consideration. Several months ago I was watching The Netflix movie "Our Father" about a Fertility Specialist from Indiana who did a lot of Artificial Insemination as part of his fertility practice. Rather than using the donor or husband's sperm he used his own and over the course of time fathered around 90 children. This whole thing came about due to a DNA test and people discovered that they had siblings.

The investigation started in 2015 but the attorney general declined to prosecute because "there is no law forbidding Cline's Conduct." He ultimately pleaded guilty to 2 Level 6 felony counts. Not for what he had done but for obstruction of justice. He ultimately received a \$500 fine and a 1 year suspended sentence.

I mentioned that the attorney declined to prosecute because there was no law forbidding that conduct. Since then Indiana has changed its laws. So I thought.

What about North Dakota? I contacted Legislative Council and discovered we did not have a law forbidding it here either. And that is why I bring this before you.

Thank you for your time. I would stand for any questions