

HB 1536
House Human Services Committee
January 23, 2023
Testimony of Todd N. Ewell, Deputy Director, NDCLCI

Good Morning Chairman Weisz, members of the Committee, my name is Todd Ewell and I am the Deputy Director of the North Dakota Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents (hereinafter "the Commission").

I rise today to in support of HB 1536. The Commission is responsible for providing legal counsel for parents and children in these court proceedings. Our agency understands and appreciates the need for this legislation to address the needs of Native American children. On behalf of the Commission, I request a Do Pass recommendation for HB 1536.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Ewell", is written over a horizontal line.

Todd N. Ewell, Deputy Director

N.D. Comm. on Legal Counsel for Indigents