

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
REPRESENTATIVE LAWRENCE R. KLEMIN, CHAIR
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NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION
PRESENTING TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 1066

Chairman Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee, the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCR) submits this written testimony in support of House Bill 1066, which allows the DOCR Director to permit a nonmember of the DOCR to participate in the certain job shadowing activities.

The bill language is modeled after a similar bill that was passed in 2019 that allows the North Dakota Highway Patrol to conduct similar job-shadowing activities. It will enable the DOCR to allow non-employees to job shadow in our secure facilities and with our community corrections and parole and probation professionals for education and community outreach purposes, to promote public trust, and potentially to assist in recruitment of new team members. This bill enables the non-employee to be covered by the state Risk Management fund while job shadowing. The DOCR has one short, proposed amendment to clean up the bill, which is to remove lines 12-14 from the bill because do not have a closed driving course at this time.

Chairman Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee, we ask that you support House Bill 1066 which allows the director of the department of corrections and rehabilitation to permit a nonmember of the DOCR to participate in job shadowing activities.