

HB 1536  
Senate Human Services Committee  
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Testimony of Todd N. Ewell, Deputy Director, NDCLCI

Good Morning. Madam Chair Lee, 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:



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