HB 1264

68<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly Senate Judiciary Committee

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Testimony of Travis W. Finck, Executive Director, NDCLCI

Madam Chair Larson, members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, my name is Travis Finck and I am the Executive Director for the North Dakota Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents. The Commission is the state agency responsible for delivery of public defense services in North Dakota.

The Commission rises in support of HB 1264. Individualized Justice Plans provide another tool to help individuals who may find themselves in a criminal court for activity that is the result of a disability. The Commission has provided training to our attorneys on Individualized Justice Plans and our attorneys have found success in helping clients utilize these plans.

Madam Chair Larson, members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, for the reasons stated herein, the Commission on Legal Counsel urges a DO PASS recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted:

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