

SB 2267
Senate Judiciary Committee
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Testimony of Todd N. Ewell, Deputy Director, NDCLCI

Good Morning. Madam Chair Larson, 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").

On behalf of the Commission, I rise in support of SB 2267. The need for qualified attorneys to serve our citizens is critical. This bill is an effort to recruit and retain attorneys in our state's most rural communities. Although the Commission does not currently participate or benefit from this program directly, we do believe in the merits of the legislation. Our hope is attorneys recruited to the rural areas would ultimately consider contracting with the Commission to provide services.

The Commission requests a Do Pass recommendation for SB 2267.

Respectfully submitted:



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