

Senator Tim Mathern  
Senate District 11  
Testimony for HB 1337

I am a senator from Fargo, and I have been in providing behavioral health services for 50 years... I hold master's in social work license.

Often persons with mental illness or a substance use disorder have difficulty to take part in treatment due to work and family time responsibilities.

This bill takes advantage of the prison or jail time to get the needed treatment. Without treatment the person will likely be back in jail within a year of serving the present incarceration.

I encourage a yes vote on HB 1337.