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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 2036

SENATE APPROPS COMMITTEE

JANUARY 28, 2025

Good Morning Senate Judiciary Committee Members. My name is Claire Cory. I am a North Dakota State Senator representing District 42, which includes northwest Grand Forks and the Grand Forks Air Force Base. I appear by way of vice chair of the Interim Juvenile Justice Committee of Senate Bill 2036 asking for your support.

SB 2036 is a bill that was recommended out of the interim juvenile justice committee last interim. The Judiciary Committee recommended a do pass as amended with a unanimous 7-0 vote. The bill creates a new section of the juvenile code to deal with those kids who lack fitness to proceed. Currently, juvenile cases are handled under the adult century code provisions in NDCC. This not only moves it to the juvenile code but updates language and implements best practices for juveniles. The fiscal note was drafted by the department of health and human services. The dollar amount in the note is to provide juvenile remediation services.

Currently, if a child in a delinquency action lacks competency, the case is dismissed as there are no remediation services available.

Chairman Dever, I will stand for your question.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claire Cory". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Claire Cory