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TESTIMONY OF EMILY HOGE  
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Chairwoman Larson, members of the Committee,

I am Emily Hoge, Quality Assurance Manager and DNA analyst for the Crime Laboratory Division for the Office of Attorney General.

I am here today on behalf of the Attorney General's Office to present a bill to enact and amend section 31-13-04 of the North Dakota Century Code which relates to DNA testing, sampling, and procedure. The Attorney General's office is asking for an amendment to Section 2 regarding DNA testing and procedure. The Attorney General's Office would like to make an amendment to allow for a correctional officer to collect samples of DNA for inclusion into the State and National DNA databases. As section 2 is written right now, it only allows for a licensed peace officer to collect those samples and the majority of the samples we receive at the crime lab for the database are collected at correctional facilities during arrest and booking of the individual. By adding correctional officer as a qualified collector, this would make the collection process simpler for those individuals. I ask for the committee to vote a Do Pass on this bill and I stand for any questions.