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TESTIMONY - HOUSE BILL NO. 1034 HOUSE JUDICIARY JANUARY 13, 2021

My name is Samantha Kramer, Senior Counsel, Legislative Council. This testimony is provided to explain House Bill No. 1034 (2021), which was introduced by the Legislative Management at the request of the 2019-21 interim Judiciary Committee. House Bill No. 1034 is the result of the interim Judiciary Committee's study the state's civil commitment laws and procedures under North Dakota Century Code Chapters 25-03.1 and 35-03.2 and the behavioral health and civil justice systems to determine whether steps could be taken to prevent and to decrease the incidence of violence committed by persons who are mentally ill.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

House Bill No. 1034 would require all parties in a civil commitment proceeding to receive a copy of the medical report pertaining to an involuntary treatment hearing at least 24 hours before the hearing and updates references to coincide with existing definitions.