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Chairman Klemin, members of the House Judiciary, my name is Travis Finck, I am the Executive Director of the Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents, and on behalf of the commission, I wish to provide testimony in support of HB 1036.

HB 1036 asks legislative management to continue to study the juvenile justice process in the interim and continue to collaborate with the Commission on Juvenile Justice. The North Dakota Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents has been intimately involved with these reform measures and supports the continuation. The reforms in HB 1035 are a great start on juvenile justice reform. However, there is work left to do. This study would allow the legislature to continue to work with the professionals of the commission on juvenile justice to make necessary changes to reflect best practices.

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity for me to present this testimony. I respectfully request a do pass recommendation and I will stand for any questions.

Respectfully submitted:



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