

Testimony for House Bill 1036

House Judiciary Committee

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Chairman Klemin and members of the House Judiciary Committee, I am Steven Reiser, Director of Dakota Central Human Service Zone. I am also a member of the North Dakota Human Service Zone Association. Please accept this testimony in favor of HB 1036.

This is a request for a legislative management study regarding the juvenile justice process. This study will be very important to have in place to get services identified and in place for juveniles with the changes proposed in the juvenile court act. I support the delayed implementation date that is being proposed as an amendment to HB 1035. If that amendment passes this study would allow and all parties involved to work together to make sure evidence-based services will be available to these youth.

Thank you for allowing me to present this testimony and I would be willing to answer any questions.