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Madam Chairman and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee. I have input this bill on behalf of the North Dakota Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents, which I have been a member since the end of the 2017 legislative session.

SB 2174 is bill that allows the commission to conduct a nationwide background check on employees who have access to confidential information.

Through meetings with the commission it was determined this national background check is needed if someone was coming from out of state, and the current state background check wouldn't detect any infractions that may have happened out of state.

This bill will allow the commission to have better background information for new hires that are moving in from out of state.

Finally, Madam Chair, I have drafted an amendment that limits the ability to conduct the national background check only on final applicants and volunteers at the discretion of the commission.

Thank you very much for your time. I ask for you positive recommendation out of committee, and I will stand for any questions.