## HB 1490

## 68<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly Senate Judiciary Committee March 7, 2023

Testimony of Travis W. Finck, Executive Director, NDCLCI

Madam Chair Larson, members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, my name is Travis Finck and I am the Executive Director for the North Dakota Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents. The Commission is the state agency responsible for delivery of public defense services in North Dakota. The Commission stands in support of HB 1490.

HB 1490 enables courts to have discretion when sentencing an individual. The Commission has long supported allowing judges to make determinations of an appropriate sentence based upon facts and circumstances in individual cases.

Therefore, for the reasons stated herein, the Commission on Legal Counsel urges a DO PASS recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted:

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