

**Government Services Committee
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**Testimony of Sally Holewa
State Court Administrator**

Good morning, Chairman Sorvaag and members of the Government Services Committee. For the record, my name is Sally Holewa. I am the North Dakota State Court Administrator. I am appearing today to present information on the space needs of the court system.

Following the committee meeting in August, we hired JLG Architects to conduct a space needs analysis for the Supreme Court. This analysis includes the Supreme Court, the office of the clerk of the Supreme Court, the Board of Law Examiners, the Law Library, Central Legal Services, and the office of the State Court Administrator.

We are expecting the study to be done by March 1st or sooner. However, we have seen the preliminary data which indicates that our space need is approximately 52,000 square feet. This is 22,700 square feet less than we currently occupy. Right now, we have 29,210 square feet split between two floors of the judicial wing and we rent an additional 11,156 square feet in an office building downtown. These numbers include offices, meeting rooms, storage and hallways. The court system has one focus and only one mission. We need to have repeated, daily interactions between our departments in order to carry out our work efficiently.

I would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.