Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3030 (Representatives Boschee, Brandenburg, Davis, Kempenich, Meier, Mitskog, Nelson) (Senators Kreun, Mathern)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying homelessness and barriers to housing, including consideration of the effectiveness of the RentHelp program; the provision of housing financial support; legal assistance programs available to tenants; state, local, or federal educational programs for tenants and landlords regarding rights and responsibilities; month-to-month eviction rates by human service zone area; definitions of homelessness or homeless rates used by government entities; barriers to accessing housing; the manner in which homeless children receive services; historical rates of homelessness; and how a community based approach to homelessness may reduce rates of homelessness.

WHEREAS, in 2022, 5,622 people experienced homelessness in North Dakota, 1,341 of whom were under the age of 19; and

WHEREAS, 610 people in the state were identified as homeless in one night in a 2022 Point-in-Time count; and

WHEREAS, the state does not have an entity designated to provide assistance to renters to navigate leases; and

WHEREAS, the state received an estimated \$363.7 million in COVID-19 relief funds to provide housing, rent, homelessness, and utility support to North Dakotans; and

WHEREAS, there are multiple barriers that may impact an individual's ability to rent or own a home;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Legislative Management consider studying homelessness and barriers to housing, including consideration of the effectiveness of the RentHelp program; the provision of housing financial support; legal assistance programs available to tenants; state, local, or federal educational programs for tenants and landlords regarding rights and responsibilities; month-to-month eviction rates by human service zone area; definitions of homelessness or homeless rates used by government entities; barriers to accessing housing; the manner in which homeless children receive services; historical rates of homelessness; and how a community based approach to homelessness may reduce rates of homelessness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly.

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