

Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3004
(Legislative Council)
(Budget Committee on Home and Community Care)**

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the means of expanding home and community-based service availability, options for training additional qualified service providers, adequacy of geropsychiatric services, and the feasibility of combining service reimbursement payment sources to allow payments to flow to a broadened array of elderly and disabled services options.

WHEREAS, during the 1995-96 interim the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health formed a Task Force on Long-Term Care Planning and presented recommendations to the Legislative Council's Budget Committee on Home and Community Care and the Insurance and Health Care Committee; and

WHEREAS, in the area of long-term care service inventory, distribution, and alternatives, the Budget Committee on Home and Community Care recommended statutory changes relating to the moratorium on long-term care beds and allowing pilot projects for the conversion of existing long-term care beds for use by the Alzheimer's and related dementia population; and

WHEREAS, the availability of qualified service providers in rural areas may be limited, potential providers may lack the skills necessary to meet required competency standards, and training opportunities are limited, which may require the rural elderly and disabled to choose between relocating to access services or going without necessary services; and

WHEREAS, expanded training of qualified service providers could enhance the availability and improve the quality of home and community-based services; and

WHEREAS, the State Hospital is reviewing the adequacy of geropsychiatric care and developing a plan to provide outreach support for nursing homes in need of intervention services for this special population and the State Hospital may need to provide inpatient geropsychiatric care; and

WHEREAS, a combining of service reimbursement payment sources could provide increased flexibility or portability of service payments to allow payments to flow to a broadened array of service options for the elderly and disabled;

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

That the Legislative Council study the means of expanding elderly and disabled service availability, options for training additional qualified service providers, adequacy of geropsychiatric services, and the feasibility of combining service reimbursement payment sources to allow payments to flow to a broadened array of elderly and disabled services options; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1997,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State