

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4036
(Senators Nalewaja, Cook, C. Nelson, Robinson, W. Stenehjem)
(Representative Kliniske)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the level of and remedies for discrimination in this state.

WHEREAS, Congress and the North Dakota Legislative Assembly have enacted laws prohibiting discrimination; and

WHEREAS, this state has operating within it many state and federal agencies with the power to investigate and provide appropriate remedies in different cases of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, there needs to be a determination of whether there are instances of discriminatory actions in violation of state and federal laws before the Legislative Assembly can fashion appropriate remedies; and

WHEREAS, if discriminatory actions are found to exist, there needs to be a determination of whether existing state agencies have the power to remedy those activities; and

WHEREAS, remedies available in this state should be compared to procedures used by other states to investigate and provide appropriate remedies in cases of discrimination;

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

That the Legislative Council study the level of and remedies for discrimination in this state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study determine the degree of discrimination in this state, determine current and additional remedies including educational initiatives to prevent discrimination, and develop recommendations to establish a commission visible to the public with representative membership able to objectively investigate citizen complaints and enforce remedies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study include an examination of the membership, structure, authority, duties and responsibilities, and funding of commissions in other states; 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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

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

Secretary of State