

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3032

Introduced by

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Senators Kelsh, Nalewaja

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the responsibilities of county  
2 social services as they are distinguished from the responsibilities of regional human service  
3 centers and the Department of Human Services when providing services to children and their  
4 families and persons with disabilities, including the elderly.

5 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota Century Code Chapter 50-06 establishes the Department of  
6 Human Services and its various components as the agency responsible for administering  
7 programs for children and families, persons with developmental disabilities, crippled children,  
8 aging services, mental health services, and alcohol and drug services; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Section 50-06-05.18 directs the Department of Human Services to direct  
10 and supervise county social service board activities as may be financed with funds distributed  
11 by the department; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Section 50-06-05 directs the Department of Human Services to carry out  
13 various human service programs and regulatory functions which the department has delegated  
14 to county social service agencies; and

15 **WHEREAS**, each program or function delegated to county agencies has a unique  
16 method for assuring compliance with the department's wishes; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the role of county government in this delivery system is often open to  
18 administrative interpretation and may vary from region to region and county to county; and

19 **WHEREAS**, during the 1995-96 interim the Legislative Council's Budget Committee on  
20 Human Services undertook a similar study of economic assistance programs which has led to  
21 proposals for significant changes in these programs; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the 1995-96 interim Budget Committee on Human Services had intended to  
23 include social services provided to children and families and persons with disabilities, including  
24 the elderly, but was unable to complete the work within the time available;

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

3           That the Legislative Council study the responsibilities of county social services as they  
4   are distinguished from the responsibilities of regional human service centers and the  
5   Department of Human Services when providing services to children and their families and  
6   person with disabilities, including the elderly; and

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