

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

Introduced by

Representatives Berg, Belter

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the availability of affordable
2 housing for middle income households, for the elderly, and in rural areas of this state.

3 **WHEREAS**, the 1995-96 interim Legislative Council study of funding to provide housing
4 for low-income, homeless, or disabled families resulted only in a recommendation concerning
5 zoning restrictions; and

6 **WHEREAS**, there is a need for home financing programs geared to provide assistance
7 to individuals who do not qualify for either low-income programs or conventional financing; and

8 **WHEREAS**, there is a special demand for housing due to the increasing elderly
9 population of this state; and

10 **WHEREAS**, some rural communities in this state are growing and are not able to meet
11 the demand for housing; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the ability of rural communities to attract private home construction at an
13 affordable price is hampered by the differential between the construction cost and the
14 appraised value; and

15 **WHEREAS**, there are multiple agencies and organizations that provide housing and
16 home financing, but there is no single agency to coordinate housing activities;

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

19 That the Legislative Council study the availability of affordable housing for middle
20 income households, for the elderly, and in rural areas of this state; and

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