

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the current budget process,
2 the results of the program performance-based budgeting pilot projects, and budget reforms in
3 other states.

4 **WHEREAS**, our budgeting process is intended to identify the needs of the citizens of
5 this state; and

6 **WHEREAS**, other states use budgeting methods that include performance reviews to
7 evaluate proposed budgets; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the citizens of this state would benefit from implementation of a budgeting
9 method that encourages and results in focusing agency direction while allowing financial
10 flexibility in order to meet agency objectives;

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

13 That the Legislative Council study the current budget process including its advantages
14 and disadvantages; and

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the study review the results of the program
16 performance-based budgeting pilot project and budgeting reforms in other states; and

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the study review how agency and institution
18 appropriation balances at the end of a biennium should be handled; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the study determine the benefits that new
20 information technology could provide in budget development and budget presentation; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the study include consideration of the effect of
22 budget recommendations on future biennial budgets; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the study include a review of the detailed
24 information supporting agency budget requests and the executive recommendation; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the study include a review of alternative budgeting
2 methods that use performance reviews to evaluate proposed agency budgets; and
3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the committee work closely with the Office of
4 Management and Budget and the State Auditor; and
5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
6 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
7 the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.