

**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. 3045  
(Representatives Berg, Dorso)  
(Senator G. Nelson)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the study include a review of alternative budgeting methods that use performance reviews to evaluate proposed agency budgets; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the committee work closely with the Office of Management and Budget and the State Auditor; 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.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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

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Secretary of State