

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4056

Introduced by

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(Approved by the Committee on Delayed Bills)

1 A concurrent resolution urging the State Department of Health to utilize its rulemaking authority
2 to strengthen the remediation and long-term liability requirements for solid waste disposal.

3 **WHEREAS**, the management and disposal of solid waste is a complex social problem
4 that impacts surface and ground water, air quality, land values, roads, and many other aspects
5 of the lives of North Dakota citizens relating to health, safety, and the environment; and

6 **WHEREAS**, state and local governments face issues involving potentially large cleanup
7 costs and other potential liabilities for remediation after the closure of solid waste landfills in this
8 state as that, for example, faced by the city of Minot in a superfund action involving that city;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, the citizens of North Dakota have expressed the desire that the issues of
11 remediation and long-term liability for solid waste disposal be addressed; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Environmental Health Section of the State Department of Health has
13 done an excellent job conducting its solid waste program and enforcing its solid waste
14 standards; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the State Department of Health has rulemaking authority to address issues
16 of remediation and long-term liability for solid waste disposal;

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

19 That the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly urges the State Department of Health to utilize
20 its rulemaking authority to strengthen the remediation and long-term liability requirements for
21 solid waste disposal; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
23 resolution to the State Health Officer and Chief of the Environmental Health Section of the State
24 Department of Health.