

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. 3032
(Representatives Maragos, Svedjan, Price)
(Senators Kelsh, Nalewaja)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

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

Secretary of State