

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3045
(Representatives Conrad, Delmore, Dosch, Wieland)
(Senators Fischer, Wardner)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability of authorizing nonprofit organizations to participate in a government liability self-insurance pool.

WHEREAS, many nonprofit organizations in North Dakota qualify for 501(c)(3) recognition by the federal Internal Revenue Service; and

WHEREAS, 501(c)(3) organizations provide medical and recreational services, human services, and cultural activities that may not otherwise be available; and

WHEREAS, nonprofit organizations are generally supported through charitable contributions or government contracts; and

WHEREAS, many nonprofit organizations have experienced significantly increased insurance costs in recent years even though legal claims against nonprofit organizations in this state have been minimal compared to similar organizations in other states; and

WHEREAS, although political subdivisions in the state have maintained low insurance rates through a government liability self-insurance pool, nonprofit organizations have not been afforded the opportunity to participate in the self-insurance pool; and

WHEREAS, allowing nonprofit organizations to participate in a government liability self-insurance pool would reduce costs for political subdivisions that contract for services with nonprofit organizations and reduce the portion of contributions made by the public to nonprofit organizations which must be devoted to insurance costs; and

WHEREAS, a study of methods through which nonprofit organizations could be included within a government liability self-insurance pool may determine an effective solution for reducing insurance costs for nonprofit organizations;

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

That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of authorizing nonprofit organizations to participate in a government liability self-insurance pool; 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 Sixtieth 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 _____, 2005,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State