Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4001

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Budget Section)

1 A concurrent resolution authorizing the Budget Section of the Legislative Council to hold the

2 required legislative hearings on state plans for the receipt and expenditure of new or revised

3 block grants passed by Congress.

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States enacted the Omnibus Budget
Reconciliation Act of 1981 creating the community services block grant program; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly is required to conduct public hearings; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Appropriations Committees have met the public hearing requirement for

8 community services block grant moneys expected for the next biennium by the Department of9 Commerce; and

10 WHEREAS, the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly cannot hold public hearings on

11 revisions to current block grants or additional block grants that may be approved by Congress

12 after the recess or adjournment of the Legislative Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly will not meet in regular session during 2006 and
thus its public hearing responsibility for grants not approved by the Fifty-ninth Legislative
Assembly must be delegated to a legislative entity;

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

That the Department of Commerce appropriations bill enacted by the Legislative
Assembly is the Legislative Assembly's approval of and contains directions regarding the use of
community services block grant moneys for the period ending September 30, 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Budget Section of the Legislative Council may hold the public legislative hearings required for the receipt of additional block grants or other federal moneys under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 or other relevant federal statutes; and

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- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the authority granted by this resolution is in effect
- 2 during the period from the recess or adjournment of the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly
- 3 through September 30, 2007, and the Budget Section may provide public notice and hold the
- 4 hearings authorized by this resolution using the methods and procedures it deems appropriate.