

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1573

Introduced by

Representatives Hofstad, D. Johnson, Potter, Weisz

Senators J. Lee, Oehlke

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative council study of voucher use and provider choice
2 for clients in human services and other programs.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - VOUCHER USE AND PROVIDER**

5 **CHOICE.** During the 2009-10 interim, the legislative council shall consider conducting a
6 comprehensive study of voucher use and provider choice for clients in various human services
7 and other state programs, including programs related to mental health services, addiction
8 treatment, counseling services, transition services, various home services, and other special
9 services. The study must explore the extent to which vouchers are currently used in federal
10 and state human service programs and other programs, how voucher systems are
11 implemented, and the advantages and challenges posed by the use of vouchers as a
12 mechanism for expanding service options and maximizing client choices. The legislative
13 council shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to
14 implement the recommendations, to the sixty-second legislative assembly.