

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Senator J. Lee

Representative N. Johnson

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for an appropriation to the state department of human services for
2 the purpose of contracting with a statewide provider of charitable food distribution services to
3 address gaps in service in, expand the recovery and distribution of surplus food supplies for,
4 and strengthen the capacity of, the North Dakota charitable emergency feeding network.

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

6 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
7 general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$350,000, or so much
8 of the sum as may be necessary, to the state department of human services for the purpose of
9 contracting with a statewide provider of charitable food distribution services to address gaps in
10 service in, expand the recovery and distribution of surplus food supplies for, and strengthen the
11 capacity of, the North Dakota charitable emergency feeding network, for the biennium
12 beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. The department of human services shall
13 contract with a statewide charitable food recovery and distribution organization to develop and
14 implement new methods of delivering charitable food assistance services in underserved
15 counties, to include a mobile food pantry program and pre-packed food basket program;
16 expand the recovery of surplus food from the retail and wholesale food industry for distribution
17 to charitable feeding programs; provide training, technical assistance and equipment grants to
18 community food pantries and emergency meal programs; and to develop a cross-referral
19 system between charitable feeding programs and government assistance programs that help
20 clients achieve self-sufficiency.