

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Senator Mathern

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the use of passenger rail
2 transportation within this state.

3 **WHEREAS**, the cost of transportation by automobile has greatly increased due to the
4 increase in the price of petroleum products; and

5 **WHEREAS**, railroad tracks unite many of the small towns in this state with cities that
6 contain shopping and medical facilities; and

7 **WHEREAS**, some of these cities connect to the Empire Builder Amtrak service
8 providing access to major cities in the northern part of the United States; and

9 **WHEREAS**, passenger rail provides a more fuel-efficient and cleaner transportation
10 system, helping to reduce America's dependence on foreign oil; and

11 **WHEREAS**, shifting transportation to rail service will lessen the burden of transportation
12 on the overstressed highway systems in this state; and

13 **WHEREAS**, this state is a member of the Midwest interstate passenger rail compact,
14 the purpose of which is to promote passenger rail service in the Midwest and a combined
15 seamless local rail transit system would provide an energy efficient and cost-effective means of
16 travel throughout the region, and combined with the Amtrak system, would provide the same
17 travel throughout the nation;

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

20 That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly directs the Legislative Council to study the use
21 of passenger rail transportation within this state; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
23 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
24 the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly.