

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 3003

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Tribal and State Relations Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the extent to which the funding
2 mechanisms and administrative structures of the federal, state, and county governments
3 enhance or detract from the ability of the social service programs of tribal governments to meet
4 the needs of tribal members.

5 **WHEREAS**, the rate of population growth on the state's Indian reservations is one of
6 the highest growth rates in the state; and

7 **WHEREAS**, high rates of poverty and unemployment on the state's Indian reservations
8 require strong, sustainable tribal social service programs; and

9 **WHEREAS**, tribal social service offices should be involved in the Department of Human
10 Services' budgeting process in consultation with the involvement of county social service
11 offices; and

12 **WHEREAS**, involvement of tribal social service offices will help the state to identify
13 social service needs on the state's reservations;

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

16 That the Legislative Council study the extent to which the funding mechanisms and
17 administrative structures of the federal, state, and county governments enhance or detract from
18 the ability of the social service programs of tribal governments to meet the needs of tribal
19 members; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council assign this study to an
21 interim Human Services Committee or other similar interim committee for study; 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.