

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3007

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A concurrent resolution regarding the approval of state agency use of block grant funds and
2 authorizing the Budget Section of the Legislative Council to hold the required legislative
3 hearings on state plans for the receipt and expenditure of new or revised block grants as
4 passed by Congress.

5 **WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States enacted the Omnibus Budget
6 Reconciliation Act of 1981 on July 29, 1981, thus creating several categories of "block" grant
7 programs; and

8 **WHEREAS**, legislatures of the states are required to conduct public hearings; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the public hearing requirements for block grant moneys expected for the
10 next biennium by the Office of Management and Budget have been met by the Appropriations
11 Committees; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly cannot hold public hearings on revisions
13 to current block grants or additional block grants that may be approved by Congress after the
14 recess or adjournment of the Legislative Assembly; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly will not meet in regular session during 1998 and
16 thus its public hearing responsibility for grants not approved by the Fifty-fifth Legislative
17 Assembly must be delegated to a legislative entity;

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

20 That the appropriation bill for the Office of Management and Budget, as it is passed by
21 this Legislative Assembly, is the Legislative Assembly's approval and contains directions on the
22 use of block grant moneys for the period ending September 30, 1999; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Budget Section of the Legislative Council may
24 hold the public legislative hearings required for the receipt of block grant or other federal

- 1 moneys under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 or other relevant federal
- 2 statutes; and
- 3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Budget Section authority granted by this
- 4 resolution is in effect during the period from the recess or adjournment of the Fifty-fifth
- 5 Legislative Assembly through September 30, 1999, and the Budget Section shall utilize the
- 6 methods and procedures for holding the hearings authorized by this resolution and giving notice
- 7 of those hearings as it deems appropriate.