

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 4036**

Introduced by

Senators Nalewaja, Cook, C. Nelson, Robinson, W. Stenehjem

Representative Kliniske

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the level of and remedies for
2 discrimination in this state.

3 **WHEREAS**, Congress and the North Dakota Legislative Assembly have enacted laws
4 prohibiting discrimination; and

5 **WHEREAS**, this state has operating within it many state and federal agencies with the
6 power to investigate and provide appropriate remedies in different cases of discrimination; and

7 **WHEREAS**, there needs to be a determination of whether there are instances of
8 discriminatory actions in violation of state and federal laws before the Legislative Assembly can
9 fashion appropriate remedies; and

10 **WHEREAS**, if discriminatory actions are found to exist, there needs to be a
11 determination of whether existing state agencies have the power to remedy those activities;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, remedies available in this state should be compared to procedures used by
14 other states to investigate and provide appropriate remedies in cases of discrimination;

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

17 That the Legislative Council study the level of and remedies for discrimination in this
18 state; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the study determine the existence and degree of
20 discrimination in this state, determine current and additional remedies including educational
21 initiatives to prevent discrimination, and develop recommendations to establish a commission
22 visible to the public with representative membership able to objectively investigate citizen
23 complaints and enforce remedies; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the study include an examination of the
2 membership, structure, authority, duties and responsibilities, and funding of commissions in
3 other states; and
4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
5 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
6 the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.