

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4054**

Introduced by

Senators DeMers, Fischer, Thane, Yockim

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study whether the Department of  
2 Human Services should reimburse qualified service providers who provide assistive technology  
3 devices and services to individuals with disabilities.

4 **WHEREAS**, an assistive technology device is any item or system used to increase,  
5 maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities to perform tasks  
6 such as communicating, speaking, seeing, hearing, maneuvering, moving, walking, standing,  
7 reaching, grasping, working, sleeping, learning, or caring for themselves; and

8 **WHEREAS**, an assistive technology service is any service that directly assists  
9 individuals with disabilities in selecting or using assistive technology devices and includes  
10 evaluating the needs of individuals with disabilities; coordinating and employing other therapies  
11 or services with assistive technology devices; and training or technical assistance; and

12 **WHEREAS**, a qualified service provider is a county agency or an independent  
13 contractor who agrees to meet standards for service and operations established by the  
14 Department of Human Services;

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

17 That the Legislative Council study whether the Department of Human Services should  
18 reimburse qualified service providers who provide assistive technology devices and services to  
19 individuals with disabilities; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and  
21 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
22 the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.