

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3037
(Representatives Grande, Belter, Wald)
(Senators Lyson, Stenehjem, Trenbeath)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the needs of individuals with mental illness, drug and alcohol addictions, and physical or developmental disabilities, including individuals with multiple needs, and how the state responds to those needs; the long-term plans for the State Hospital, the Developmental Center at Westwood Park, Grafton, state and county correctional facilities, and other state facilities and the relationships among those facilities; the impact and availability of community services; the state's criminal justice process from arrest to release; alternatives to incarceration; and the effectiveness of incarceration and treatment.

WHEREAS, changes in clinical practices and service delivery systems have created a need for new and different responses in caring for individuals with mental illness and drug and alcohol addictions; and

WHEREAS, community-based mental health treatment, service, and support options have been developed to support an individual's recovery in or near the individual's family and community; and

WHEREAS, a 2002 study of the operations and facilities of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation projected that the number of inmates in the state's prison system will continue to grow by approximately three percent annually; and

WHEREAS, the 2002 study indicated that the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation will need additional bed space to avoid a critical prison capacity shortfall, especially for the female offenders; and

WHEREAS, consideration has been given to whether colocation of patients and prisoners is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, treatment and other programs that provide alternatives to incarceration may reduce the number of inmates and reduce recidivism;

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

That the Legislative Council study the needs of individuals with mental illness, drug and alcohol addictions, and physical or developmental disabilities, including individuals with multiple needs, and how the state responds to those needs; the long-term plans for the State Hospital, the Developmental Center at Westwood Park, Grafton, state and county correctional facilities, and other state facilities and the relationships among those facilities; the impact and availability of community services; the state's criminal justice process from arrest to release; alternatives to incarceration; and the effectiveness of incarceration and treatment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in conducting the study, the Legislative Council solicit testimony from interested parties, including individuals receiving services, the individuals' families, administrators and staff at state and community facilities, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, advocacy groups, and the governing boards of state facilities providing services to those individuals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in conducting the study, the Legislative Council study the cost-effectiveness and efficiency of incarcerating large numbers of inmates in a large facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council may contract with an independent party to conduct the study; and

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2003,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State