

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1573**

Introduced by

Representatives Hofstad, D. Johnson, Potter, Weisz

Senators J. Lee, Oehlke

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for a legislative council study of voucher use and provider choice  
2 for clients in human services and other programs.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDY - VOUCHER USE AND PROVIDER**

5 **CHOICE.** During the 2009-10 interim, the legislative council shall conduct a comprehensive  
6 study of voucher use and provider choice for clients in various human services and other state  
7 programs, including programs related to mental health services, addiction treatment, counseling  
8 services, transition services, various home services, and other special services. The study  
9 must explore the extent to which vouchers are currently used in federal and state human  
10 service programs and other programs, how voucher systems are implemented, and the  
11 advantages and challenges posed by the use of vouchers as a mechanism for expanding  
12 service options and maximizing client choices. The legislative council shall report its findings  
13 and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the  
14 recommendations, to the sixty-second legislative assembly.