

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4010

Introduced by

Senators Mathern, Lyson

Representatives Boe, Kroeber, Nelson

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study mass, public, and special
2 needs transportation, including the creation of local passenger rail transportation and bus
3 transportation within this state.

4 **WHEREAS**, the cost of transportation by automobile is unpredictable due to the volatility
5 in the price of petroleum products; and

6 **WHEREAS**, passenger rail and bus provide a fuel-efficient transportation system,
7 helping to reduce America's dependence on foreign oil; and

8 **WHEREAS**, shifting transportation to mass and public transportation will lessen the
9 burden of transportation on the overstressed transportation programs in this state; and

10 **WHEREAS**, there are individuals with disabilities and issues due to aging which raise
11 barriers to transportation and who have special transportation needs that may be met with a
12 voucher program; and

13 **WHEREAS**, this state is a member of the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact,
14 the purpose of which is to promote passenger rail service in the Midwest, and an effort to
15 combine a seamless local rail and bus transportation system with a regional system would
16 provide an energy-efficient and cost-effective means of travel throughout the region and,
17 combined with the Amtrak system, throughout the nation;

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

20 That the Legislative Council study mass, public, and special needs transportation,
21 including the creation of local passenger rail transportation and bus transportation within this
22 state; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
24 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
25 the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly.