

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Budget Section)

1 A concurrent resolution authorizing the Budget Section of the Legislative Management to hold
2 the required legislative hearings on state plans for the receipt and expenditure of new or revised
3 block grants passed by Congress.

4 **WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States enacted the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation
5 Act of 1981 creating the community services block grant program; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly is required to conduct public hearings; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Appropriations Committees have met the public hearing requirement for
8 community services block grant program moneys expected for the next biennium by the
9 Department of Commerce; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly cannot hold public hearings on revisions
11 to current block grants or additional block grants that may be approved by Congress after
12 recess or adjournment of the Legislative Assembly; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly will not meet in regular session during 2016, and thus
14 its public hearing responsibility for grants not approved by the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly
15 must be delegated to a legislative entity.

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE** **OF NORTH**
17 **DAKOTA, THE** **CONCURRING THEREIN:**

18 That the Department of Commerce appropriation bill enacted by the Legislative Assembly
19 is the Legislative Assembly's approval of and contains directions regarding the use of
20 community services block grant program moneys for the period ending September 30, 2017;
21 and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Budget Section of the Legislative Management may
23 hold the public legislative hearings required for the receipt of additional block grants or other
24 federal moneys under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 or other relevant federal
25 statutes; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the authority granted by this resolution is in effect during
2 the period from the recess or adjournment of the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly through
3 September 30, 2017, and the Budget Section may provide public notice and hold the hearings
4 authorized by this resolution using the methods and procedures it deems appropriate.