

Introduced by

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Senators Bekkedahl, Dwyer, Hogue, Larson

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the feasibility  
2 and desirability of renovating and constructing an addition to the Liberty Memorial Building or  
3 constructing a new building on the grounds of the state Capitol to serve as a new Supreme  
4 Court building.

5 **WHEREAS**, the idea of housing the Supreme Court in a stand-alone building is not a new  
6 concept; and

7 **WHEREAS**, since at least 1924, the plans for the Capitol grounds included a separate  
8 "Temple of Justice" that would mirror the architectural design of the Liberty Memorial Building;  
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, as a result of the Supreme Court's expanding space needs, in 2015, then-  
11 Governor Jack Dalrymple proposed appropriating \$40 million to repurpose the Liberty Memorial  
12 Building into a Supreme Court building; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the 2015 proposal did not advance due to the rapid downturn in the economy  
14 which occurred at that time; and

15 **WHEREAS**, locating the Supreme Court in the Liberty Memorial Building would be a  
16 homecoming for the Court;

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

19 That the Legislative Management consider studying the feasibility and desirability of  
20 renovating and constructing an addition to the Liberty Memorial Building or constructing a new  
21 building on the grounds of the state Capitol to serve as a new Supreme Court building; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the study include input from the Supreme Court and the  
23 Office of Management and Budget; and

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the study consider the feasibility and desirability of  
25 relocating the State Library or constructing a new building on the grounds of the State Capitol

1 for the State Library, and the relocation of other agencies occupying the Liberty Memorial  
2 Building; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and  
4 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
5 the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly.