

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STUDIES AND RESOLUTIONS TO BE PRIORITIZED FOR THE 2001-02 LEGISLATIVE INTERIM

This memorandum presents information on study directives of the 57th Legislative Assembly. The first column identifies the resolution or bill and section number of the study directive. The second column describes the study directive, as contained in the title of the resolution or the bill section (with respect to those bills that require a study rather than provide for Legislative Council discretion in screening the study as authorized under North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-35-02, the requirement is indicated in the description). The third column provides information on relevant 2001 legislative proposals, current relevant laws, and legislative proposals for Legislative Council studies since 1991. A two-year reference indicates the interim the study was conducted. The committee that conducted the study is identified after the description. A single-year reference with respect to a study indicates the legislative session the study was proposed, but which was not given priority by the Legislative Council.

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1003 § 14	Study the Racing Commission, including its authority to schedule, promote, support, and regulate live or simulcast racing in North Dakota	<p>NOTE HB 1003 § 16 provides that the North Dakota Racing Commission is subject to the supervision and direction of the Attorney General, except with regard to the commission's authority to spend certain funds.</p> <p>SB 2381 (2001) authorizes parimutuel wagering to be conducted through account wagering. The bill provides that an account wager made on an account may only be made through the licensed simulcast services provider authorized to operate the simulcast parimutuel wagering system under the certification system.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES SCR 4046 (1999) - The appropriateness and adequacy of the laws on charitable gaming, including the financial remuneration allowed to owners of charitable gaming sites (Not given priority)</p> <p>HB 1167 (1997-98) - Charitable gaming laws and rules to determine whether the laws and rules regarding taxation, enforcement, limitations, conduct, and play of charitable gaming are adequate and appropriate (Judiciary Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4012 (1995-96) - Feasibility and desirability of legislation governing the future negotiation, amendment and renewal of tribal-state gaming compacts (Judiciary Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3072 (1993-94) - Charitable gaming laws and rules and the effects of Indian gaming on charitable gaming in this state (Judiciary Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3067 (1991-92) - Charitable gaming laws and rules (Judiciary Committee)</p>
1012 § 17	Study the feasibility and desirability of state administration of child support,	<p>PRIOR STUDIES SCR 4032 (1999-2000) - The family law process in the state with a focus on a review of existing statutes, the coordination of procedures, and the further implementation of alternative dispute resolution methods (Judiciary Committee)</p>

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	including the fiscal effect on counties and the state	<p>HCR 3034 (1997) - The impact of divorce on children and issues of equity and fairness as they relate to custody determinations, visitation orders, and child support obligations (Not given priority)</p> <p>HB 1041 (1997-98) - The provision of child support services and child care licensing in this state (Child Support Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3031 (1997-98) - The issues of fairness and equity as they relate to child support guidelines and the issuance and enforcement of child custody and visitation orders (Child Support Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4048 (1997) - The interrelationship of the postjudgment issues of child support and visitation, including the accountability of both parents to honor divorce orders and the development of a parenting education program that addresses the impact of divorce on children (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3003 (1995) - Methods to improve the cost-effectiveness and efficiency of the Department of Human Services child support collection system and any anticipated impact on the health and welfare of the child and review the roles of clerks of court, regional child support enforcement units, and the Department of Human Services in providing a coordinated and effective child support enforcement program (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4043 (1993-94) - The feasibility and desirability of establishing a family court for the resolution of domestic relations cases for low income persons (Court Services Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4057 (1993-94) - The Uniform Interstate Family Support Act and its relationship to existing North Dakota law and the desirability of adopting it (Judiciary Committee)</p> <p>SB 2002 (1991-92) - The impact of various child support guideline models on family units, on the quality of the relationships among the persons in the families, and on children who receive child support (Administrative Rules Committee)</p>
1012 § 18	Study the senior citizen mill levy matching grant program	<p>PRIOR STUDIES</p> <p>HCR 3003 (1999) - The mill levy match program for senior citizens to determine if the program could be expanded to enhance home and community-based service availability (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3003 (1997-98) - Monitor the implementation of the projects developed by the Department of Human Services related to the conversion of existing nursing facility or basic care capacity for use by the Alzheimer's and related dementia population and the testing of an expanded case management system for elderly persons and disabled persons (Budget Committee on Long-Term Care)</p> <p>HCR 3004 (1997-98) - The means of expanding home and community-based service availability, options for training additional qualified service providers, adequacy of geropsychiatric services, and the feasibility of combining service reimbursement payment sources to allow payments to flow to a broadened array of elderly and disabled services options (Budget Committee on Long-Term Care)</p>

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		<p>HCR 3006 (1997-98) - Long-term care financing issues to determine the changes necessary to develop alternative services and the feasibility of a managed care system for long-term care services (Budget Committee on Long-Term Care)</p> <p>SB 2460 (1995-96) - The appropriate quantity, distribution, and use of the state's resources and services in addressing the needs of the elderly residents of this state; and the certificate of need process and other means of planning and decisionmaking in relation to growth of the health care industry of North Dakota (Budget Committee on Home and Community Care)</p> <p>SCR 4030 (1995-96) - The continuum of care for North Dakotans with Alzheimer's and related dementia and the needs of caregivers and families of patients with Alzheimer's and related dementias (Budget Committee on Home and Community Care)</p>
1015 § 22	Study health insurance company benefit limitations, including maximum payments or reimbursements for prescribed medicines and treatments and the effect of limiting benefit payments or reimbursements on consumers, family members, and individuals with incurable illnesses	<p>NOTE HB 1382 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have provided an income tax credit for prescribed drugs and insulin.</p> <p>SB 2331 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have mandated insurance companies to include coverage in its policies for medically necessary therapy for individuals under 22 years of age.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES HCR 3070 (1999-2000) - Health care access, quality, and cost to determine essential health care services, critical providers, and access sites, and to identify geographic, demographic, and economic issues relating to health care (Budget Committee on Health Care)</p> <p>HCR 3033 (1997-98) - The effects of managed health care on the future viability of the health care delivery system in rural North Dakota (Insurance and Health Care Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4061 (1993-94) - Feasibility and desirability of pooling all sources of funding for health care benefits in conjunction with the study by the North Dakota Health Task Force in exploring the control of costs and the redistribution of dollars toward improved access to services through a health care reimbursement system (Health and Communications Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3010 (1991-92) - The need for and feasibility of adopting and implementing a state health policy for the purpose of providing basic medical and health care to all citizens of the state (Health Care Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4002 (1991-92) - Feasibility and ramifications of adopting and implementing a state-subsidized health insurance program for uninsured and underinsured residents (Health Care Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4051 (1991-92) - Feasibility of providing basic statewide health and work-related accident insurance for all North Dakota workers and their dependents (Industry, Business, and Labor Committee)</p>
1196 § 29	Study the long-term care needs and the nursing	<p>NOTE HB 1196 § 30 appropriates \$241,006 to the Department of Human Services for the purpose of conducting statewide needs assessment and nursing facility payment system study for long-term care.</p>

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	facility payment system in North Dakota	<p>PRIOR STUDIES</p> <p>SCR 4004 (1999-2000) - The possibility of creating an incentive package to assist rural communities and nursing care facilities in closing, significantly reducing bed capacity, or providing alternative long-term care services (Budget Committee on Health Care)</p> <p>SB 2012, § 29 (1999) - State and federal regulations relating to nursing homes, the impact of those regulations on the cost of care at North Dakota nursing homes, and state options for reducing regulations and the related reductions in cost of care (Not given priority)</p> <p>SB 2012, § 30 (1999) - The appropriateness of the state continuing rate equalization for private pay and public pay residents in nursing homes, including the fiscal impact on private pay and public pay residents of the repeal of rate equalization (Not given priority)</p> <p>HB 1012 (1997-98) - Basic care rate equalization (Budget Committee on Long-Term Care)</p> <p>HCR 3006 (1997-98) - Long-term care financing issues to determine the changes necessary to develop alternative services and the feasibility of a managed care system for long-term care services (Budget Committee on Long-Term Care)</p> <p>SB 2460 (1995-96) - The appropriate quantity, distribution, and use of this state's resources and services in addressing the needs of the elderly residents of this state, and the certificate of need process and other means of planning and decisionmaking in relation to the growth of the health care industry in this state (Insurance and Health Care Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3023 (1995-96) - The availability, coverage, and regulation of long-term care insurance (Insurance and Health Care Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4057 (1991-92) - Feasibility and desirability of establishing a basic care program (Budget Committee on Long-Term Care)</p>
1206 § 2	Study all aspects of improvements by special assessment and property tax assessment and abatements, to include a determination of the true and full value of subsidized housing for property tax assessments, and the homestead tax valuation for senior citizens	<p>NOTE</p> <p>SB 2298 (2001) allows the board of county commissioners to initiate special assessment proceedings by resolution.</p> <p>SB 2328 (2001) allows townships to impose special assessments.</p> <p>HB 1204 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have redefined true and full value for property tax assessment of commercial rental property.</p> <p>SB 2346 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have excluded tax-exempt property from protests of special assessment projects.</p> <p>SB 2348 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have redefined true and full value for subsidized housing to reduce valuations.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES</p>

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		<p>HCR 3061 (1999) - Taxes imposed by state and local governments and the tax structure and balance among the various tax systems to provide a more equitable distribution of tax burdens (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3074 (1999) - The amount and value of property owned by nonprofit organizations in this state and the impact of that ownership on local communities and the economy of this state (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3037 (1997-98) - Feasibility and desirability of providing property tax relief through alternative state and local revenue sources (Taxation Committee)</p> <p>Added committee assignment (1997-98) - Assessment of agricultural property and inundated lands (Taxation Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4015 (1995-96) - The property tax assessment system of the state, with emphasis on the potential benefits to the system from improved technology and sharing of resources (Taxation Committee)</p> <p>Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations study under its own authority (1995-96) - Political subdivision levy limitations</p> <p>HCR 3015 (1993-94) - Tax preferences under existing law (Taxation Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3045 (1993-94) - The tax structure, particularly the balance among the various tax systems in the state (Taxation Committee)</p>
1269 § 1	<p>(Required Study) Study issues relating to resident and nonresident hunting in this state</p>	<p>NOTE: The study mandated by House Bill No. 1269 is a result of the controversy surrounding nonresident waterfowl hunting and House Bill Nos. 1269 and 1468. House Bill No. 1269, as introduced, would have eliminated the one 7-day waterfowl hunting period for nonresidents and established six zones with a maximum number of licenses specified for each zone. House Bill No. 1468, as introduced, would have eliminated the requirement that nonresident waterfowl hunters also possess a nonresident small game hunting license and established a 14-day period or two 7-day periods for nonresident small game hunting. The bill also would have increased various nonresident hunting and fishing license fees.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES</p> <p>HCR 3055 (1999-2000) - The extent of and remedies for damage caused to landowners by game and nongame animals, waterfowl, and turkeys and damage caused to property by hunters (Agriculture Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3050 (1993-94) - The state's hunting laws to determine changes that can be made to improve the relationship between hunters and private landowners, including the issuance of gratis permits (Natural Resources Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3056 (1991) - The equity and advisability of the present method of the issuance of gratis hunting permits (Not given priority)</p>
1338 § 1	Study issues related to genetic modification, including impacts on health,	<p>NOTE</p> <p>HB 1338, as introduced, would have provided a two-year moratorium on the sale of genetically modified wheat seed.</p>

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	the environment, the food supply, product labeling, and actions by other jurisdictions regarding experimental medicine and research, and the promulgation of accurate information regarding genetic modification efforts that exist or are expected to exist in the near future	<p>HB 1442 (2001) provides procedures to be used when patent infringement is suspected and it is consequently necessary to obtain samples of crops grown from genetically modified seeds.</p> <p>SB 2280 (2001) provides that a person is liable for damages if that person willfully and knowingly damage or destroys any crop, livestock, or commodity that is being produced or has been produced for personal or commercial purposes or for testing or research purposes.</p> <p>SB 2335 (2001) provides authority for the State Seed Commissioner to inspect and analyze seed or crops grown, sold, or otherwise situated in this state to determine and verify the genetic identity or physical traits of the seed or crop.</p>
1344 § 17	Study the feasibility and desirability of implementing a teacher compensation package that recognizes four levels of teachers from beginning to advanced and which bases the compensation level for each category on the individual teacher's ability to meet or exceed district standards for content knowledge, planning and preparation for instruction, instructional delivery, student assessment, classroom management, and professional responsibility	<p>NOTE</p> <p>HB 1344 establishes a method for increasing teacher pay and sets a minimum base salary level of \$18,500 during the first year of the biennium and \$20,000 during the second year of the biennium.</p> <p>HB 1288 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have authorized school districts to jointly employ superintendents and use any savings realized to increase the compensation of teachers.</p> <p>HB 1418 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have provided for a reduction in the total amount owing on the principal and interest of a student loan incurred by an individual who teaches in a public or nonpublic school in this state.</p> <p>SB 2183 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have provided for the payment of a signing bonus to an individual who accepts a classroom teaching job for the first time since obtaining a license to teach.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES</p> <p>SB 2162 (1999-2000) - The provision of education to public school students in this state and the manner in which education to public school students will be delivered in the ensuing 5, 10, and 20 years (Education Finance Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3064 (1999) - The provision of enhanced funding to school districts for quality education and methods of reducing reliance on property taxes for school district funding (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3078 (1999) - The equitable delivery of education services to students in this state and methods of accurately calculating and disbursing state funding for education (Not given priority)</p> <p>SB 2338 (1997-98) - The financing of elementary and secondary schools and the availability of state support of school construction (Education Finance Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3035 (1997) - The criteria and the manner in which the criteria is applied by the Education Standards and Practices Board in certifying teachers, in approving teacher preparation programs, and in developing professional code of ethics, conduct, and performance (Not given priority)</p>

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		<p>SB 2519 (1995-96) - The financing of elementary and secondary schools and availability of state support of school construction; review the formulas used to equalize state aid, including formulas for student transportation and special education, funding sources that would be alternatives to property tax, and any other issues related to the financing of elementary and secondary schools (Education Finance Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4007 (1995-96) - The delivery of and costs associated with professional growth and development programs for teachers (Education Services Committee)</p> <p>HB 1003 (1993-94) - The use of nonproperty factors in financing education, the quality of education, legislation in this state regarding education finance issues, the effect of any legislation passed by the 53rd Legislative Assembly that relates to education financing, and may consider any other matters related to education (Education Finance Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4012 (1993-94) - The optimum structure and staff development services necessary to meet the needs of middle-level adolescents identified as the at-risk group in North Dakota schools (Education Services Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4050 (1993-94) - The placement of students with developmental disabilities in regular classroom settings and teacher training curricula or specific courses designed to assist teachers in accepting and teaching students with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities (Education Services Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3044 (1993) - Feasibility of the Legislative Assembly establishing teacher salaries and benefits (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4039 (1993) - Feasibility and desirability of implementing programs to assist first-year teachers (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3068 (1991-92) - Feasibility of implementing an educational funding formula based on current costs which considers using all sources of revenue and wealth to measure a school district's local ability to support education, incorporating sparsity of enrollment, requiring a minimum level of local effort, and providing additional funding for categories of students which are below statewide averages for per pupil expenditures (Education Finance Committee)</p>
1377 § 2	Study the ability of occupational and professional boards with less than 100 licensees to process disciplinary complaints and carry out other statutory responsibilities	<p>NOTE HB 1377 § 1 authorizes the Board of Podiatric Medicine to borrow funds sufficient to pay attorneys' fees and costs incurred in investigations, administrative proceedings, and litigation resulting from the board performing its duties.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES HB 1001 (1995-96) - The membership, duties, and responsibilities of all boards, councils, committees, and commissions of state government (Government Organization Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3064 (1993) - The membership, duties, and responsibilities of all statutory boards, committees, commissions, and councils (Not given priority)</p>

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		HCR 3050 (1991) - The licensing and regulation of various occupations and professions (Not given priority)
1390 § 1	(Required Study) Study the use of biodiesel fuel in this state	<p>NOTE HB 1390, as introduced, would have required all diesel fuel sold or offered for sale after December 30, 2001 to contain two percent biodiesel fuel.</p> <p>SB 2454 (2001) provides a tax reduction on the sale or delivery of diesel fuel that contains at least two percent biodiesel fuel. The reduction begins when the Tax Commissioner certifies that a refining facility which has a production capacity of at least 10 million gallons of biodiesel fuel per year, is in operation in this state.</p>
1407 § 2	(Required Study?) Study existing mandated health insurance coverage of services and the feasibility and desirability of repealing state laws mandating health insurance coverage of services (Section 2 contains a requirement that the Insurance Commissioner evaluate each health insurance coverage mandate and present a report to the Legislative Council before July 1, 2002)	<p>NOTE SB 2331 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have mandated insurance companies to include coverage for medically necessary therapy for individuals under 22 years of age.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES HCR 3033 (1997-98) - The effects of managed health care on the future viability of the health care delivery system in rural North Dakota (Insurance and Health Care Committee) HB 1050 (1995-96) - Feasibility and desirability of requiring mental health services and alcohol and drug addiction related services to be included as health insurance covered services (Insurance and Health Care Committee) SCR 4061 (1993-94) - Feasibility and desirability of pooling all sources of funding for health care benefits in conjunction with the study by the North Dakota Health Task Force in exploring the control of costs and the redistribution of dollars toward improved access to services through a health care reimbursement system (Health and Communications Committee) HCR 3010 (1991-92) - The need for and feasibility of adopting and implementing a state health policy for the purpose of providing basic medical and health care to all citizens of the state (Health Care Committee) SCR 4002 (1991-92) - Feasibility and ramifications of adopting and implementing a state-subsidized health insurance program for uninsured and underinsured residents (Health Care Committee) SCR 4051 (1991-92) - Feasibility of providing basic statewide health and work-related accident insurance for all North Dakota workers and their dependents (Industry, Business, and Labor Committee)</p>
1431 § 1	Study the correctional system in North Dakota, including its functions, responsibilities, funding, causes for increases in the state's inmate population, and the effectiveness of	<p>NOTE SB 2034 (2001) changes the procedure for involuntary civil commitment of sexual predators. SB 2406 (2001) allows house arrests to be included as imprisonment for penalty for driving while under the influence. SB 2445 (2001) requires the Attorney General to report to an interim legislative committee on the status and trends of unlawful drug use and abuse treatment and enforcement efforts.</p>

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	sentencing laws, incarceration, and treatment	<p>HB 1218 (2001) creates a drug court program.</p> <p>HB 1364 (2001) removes mandatory minimum sentences for first-time drug offenders.</p> <p>HB 1367 (2001) increases the penalties for individuals under 18 but over 16 years of age who deliver controlled substance to a minor or for an offense involving a certain amount of drugs.</p> <p>SB 2439 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have provided for performance-based sentence reductions.</p> <p>HB 1173 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have required an ignition interlock device for driving while under the influence.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES</p> <p>SCR 4015 (1999-2000) - The adult correctional system in the state, including its functions, responsibilities, funding, and operation, and the causes of past and projected future increases in the state's adult inmate population, including the impact of sentencing laws (Criminal Justice Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4051 (1999-2000) - The classification of criminal offenses throughout the North Dakota Century Code (Criminal Justice Committee)</p> <p>SB 2016 (1997-98) - Programs to prevent crime and delinquency and reduce incarceration (Criminal Justice Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4063 (1993-94) - Feasibility and desirability of establishing a women's correctional facility off the State Penitentiary grounds (Budget Committee on Government Finance)</p> <p>SCR 4073 (1993-94) - The cost-effectiveness and economic impact of permitting Roughrider Industries manufacture and sell products that may be produced and sold by the private sector (Budget Committee on Government Finance)</p> <p>HCR 3069 (1993) - The substantive criminal laws of the state (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3020 (1993-94) - Data collection systems relating to the criminal justice and quasi-criminal civil systems in North Dakota, including law enforcement, prosecutors, and courts, and data collection systems of other states (Court Services Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4065 (1991-92) - Additional programs that could be implemented by the State Hospital and alternative uses for the facilities of the State Hospital (Budget Committee on Human Services)</p>
1441 § 3	Study coordination of the medical assistance and the children's health insurance programs, including the development of a single application form for both	<p>NOTE</p> <p>HB 1441 § 1 requires the Department of Human Services to provide medical assistance benefits to children and families coverage groups and pregnant women without consideration of assets.</p> <p>SB 2174 (2001), as introduced, would have provided that for the purposes of determining medical assistance eligibility, the income of the spouse of a disabled person may not be considered.</p>

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	<p>programs, whether the children's health insurance program should be administered by the state or the counties, the effects of eliminating the asset eligibility requirement for the medical assistance program, the standardization of the definition of "income" for all programs administered by the Department of Human Services, and the feasibility and desirability of seeking a federal waiver to allow the children's health insurance program plan to provide coverage for a family through an employer-based insurance policy if an employer-based insurance policy is more cost-effective than the traditional plan coverage for the children</p>	<p>PRIOR STUDIES SB 2012 (1999-2000) - Required the Department of Human Services to present an annual report to the Legislative Council regarding the children's health insurance program, including enrollment statistics and associated costs (Budget Committee on Health Care) HCR 3046 (1999-2000) - The various challenges facing the delivery of health care in this state, including changes in hospital reimbursements, technological innovations, and the regionalization of services (Budget Committee on Health Care) HCR 3070 (1999-2000) - Health care access, quality, and cost to determine essential health care services critical providers, and access sites, and to identify geographic, demographic, and economic issues relating to health care (Budget Committee on Health Care) Legislative Council Chairman Directive (1998-99) - Receive reports from the Governor and the Department of Human Services on the children's health insurance program (Insurance and Health Care Committee) HB 1012 (1997-98) - The state's welfare reform implementation efforts to determine the effectiveness of welfare reform (Welfare Reform Committee) HB 1226 (1997-98) - The temporary assistance for needy families program (Welfare Reform Committee) HCR 3032 (1997-98) - The responsibilities of county social services as they are distinguished from the responsibilities of regional human service centers and the Department of Human Services when providing services to children and their families and persons with disabilities, including the elderly (Budget Committee on Human Services) HCR 3045 (1995-96) - The responsibilities of county social service agencies as they are distinguished from the responsibilities of regional human service centers and the Department of Human Services (Budget Committee on Human Services) HCR 3043 (1993-94) - The medical assistance eligible population in this state to determine if there is a need for a more equitable distribution of medical assistance reimbursement to certain providers (Budget Committee on Human Services) SCR 4057 (1991-92) - The state's basic care program, including defining the services to be provided (Budget Committee on Long-Term Care) SCR 4066 (1991-92) - The human services system (Budget Committee on Human Services)</p>
2002 § 7	<p>Study the implementation of the clerk of court unification, including a review of the delivery of services by clerks of court and the</p>	<p>NOTE SB 2002 § 1 appropriates \$10,904,353 for clerk of district court funding. HB 1275 (1999) provides for the state funding of clerk of district court services as of April 1, 2001. PRIOR STUDIES</p>

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	responsibility for restitution collection and enforcement activities	<p>HB 1002 (1999-2000) - The impacts of court unification on the judicial system and on the effective provision of judicial services to state residents (Judiciary Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3067 (1999-2000) - Review and monitor the implementation of legislation enacted by the 56th Legislative Assembly which provided for the delivery of clerk of district court services through state funding and alternative methods (Judiciary Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3001 (1997-98) - Feasibility and desirability of funding the office of the clerk of district court through the unified judicial system (Judiciary Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4045 (1997-98) - State funding of the office of clerk of district court, the issues and problems associated with the continued implementation of court unification, and the effective provision of judicial services to the citizens of this state (Judiciary Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3005 (1995-96) - The problems associated with the unification of the state's judicial system into a single court of general jurisdiction, with emphasis on a review of venue statutes (Judiciary Committee)</p> <p>HB 1002 (1995-96) - The unified court system with emphasis on the distribution of court revenues (Budget Committee on Government Finance)</p> <p>SCR 4005 (1993-94) - The problems associated with the unification of the state's judicial system into a single trial court of general jurisdiction (Court Services Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3046 (1991-92) - The problems associated with unification of the state's judicial system into a one level trial system (Court Services Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4043 (1991-92) - Review and monitor the implementation of legislation establishing a single trial court of general jurisdiction (Court Services Committee)</p>
2003 § 17	Study the responsibilities and the functions of the College Technical Education Council and the implementation of the workforce training regions including how the regions are functioning	<p>PRIOR STUDIES</p> <p>SB 2020 (1997-98) provided for periodic reports to the Legislative Council by the State Board for Vocational and Technical Education on the board's progress in coordinating statewide access to workforce training programs. (Commerce and Agriculture Committee; Education Services Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4046 (1997) - The role of the State Board for Vocational and Technical Education in workforce training and retraining to determine whether the current organizational structure of the board is adequate to ensure continued leadership in readying the state's citizens for a globally competitive marketplace, and to determine the adequacy of funding for the board and for vocational and technical education in this state (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3006 (1995-96) - Feasibility and desirability of using institutions of higher education to provide educational options and opportunities for North Dakota high school students (Education Services Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4035 (1991) - The provision and funding of adult literacy programs (Not given priority)</p>
2003 § 18	Study the Board of Higher	NOTE

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	Education's implementation of the performance and accountability measures report required by Senate Bill No. 2041, including information on education excellence, economic development, student access, student affordability, and financial operations	<p>SB 2041 (2001) directs the State Board of Higher Education to provide an annual performance and accountability report regarding performance and progress toward the goals outlined in the University System's strategic plan and accountability measures.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES HB 1003 (1999-2000) - Higher education funding, including the expectation of the University System in meeting the state's needs in the 21st Century, the funding methodology needed to meet these expectations and needs, and an accountability system and reporting methodology for the University System (Higher Education Committee)</p> <p>NOTE: Pursuant to NDCC Section 15-10-14.2, the 1999-2000 Higher Education Committee was assigned the responsibility of receiving reports from the State Board of Higher Education regarding the status of the University System, including the progress in meeting goals and objectives.</p> <p>SCR 4052 (1995) - The capital repair, maintenance, and construction requirements of institutions under the State Board of Higher Education (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4051 (1993) - The various forms of education and the environments in which education is provided and the flexibility of legislative and administrative systems for reviewing and evaluating different methods of providing education (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3013 (1991) - The methods of funding higher education (Not given priority)</p>
2007 § 3	Study the management structure and oversight of the Veterans Home and the selection process for the commandant or administrator of the home	<p>NOTE SB 2007 § 2 requires the State Auditor to conduct a performance audit of the Veterans Home. The audit is to include a review of the contractual arrangements for physician services at the Veterans Home. The results of the audit are required to be reported to the 58th Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES SB 2007 (1997-98) required the Veterans Home to report to the Budget Section on improvements in the management, budgeting, and accounting practices at the Veterans Home. The reports indicated that the home had taken steps to improve its budgeting and accounting procedures, including requiring department administrators to explain any variances between actual and budgeted expenditures and outline a corrective plan of action, if necessary, to address the variances. The report also indicated that the fiscal year 1998 audit of the Veterans Home revealed no problems with the recording and reporting of financial transactions.</p> <p>SCR 4048 (1993-94) - Long-term care needs of veterans and the use of state and other existing facilities for long-term care for veterans in North Dakota (Budget Committee on Home and Community Care)</p>
2012 § 2	Study the efficiency and effectiveness of the operations of the State Fleet Services program of the	<p>NOTE HB 1147 (2001) allows a state governmental entity to authorize the use of an employee's personal motor vehicle and allows an agency to provide a mileage reimbursement at a rate less than the state rate.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES</p>

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	Department of Transportation	<p>HB 1012 (1999) - The Fleet Services program of the Department of Transportation, including a review of the cost-effectiveness of the program and the methods used to project and set motor pool rates (Not given priority)</p> <p>During the 1993-94 interim, the Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee received a performance audit from the State Auditor on Fleet Services and University System shared services.</p> <p>HB 1167 (1991-92) - Feasibility and desirability of requiring vehicles used by the State Board of Higher Education and institutions under its jurisdiction to be under the control of the central vehicle management system (Budget Committee on Government Administration)</p>
2015 § 16	Study the mission of the Industrial Commission relating to the responsibilities of the Oil and Gas Division and Geological Survey and the potential for efficiencies resulting from shared administrative and service delivery functions	<p>PRIOR STUDIES SCR 4030 (1999-2000) - The management responsibilities of the Industrial Commission, the mission and location of each entity within and under the direction of the commission, the membership of the commission, and the voting structure of the commission (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p>
2016 § 4	Study wages paid to inmates sentenced to the state correctional system and the various deductions from those wages, including methods used to determine rates of pay; actual wages paid to inmates; deductions from inmate wages; and the effect deductions for incarceration costs, facility operation costs, and capital improvement costs have on inmate payments for child support and restitution	<p>NOTE HB 1208 (2001) requires the cost of the procedure for DNA testing to be collected from the person being tested.</p> <p>HB 1401 (2001) requires the administrator of a correctional facility to establish an account for each inmate and allows the administrator to withdraw funds for financial obligations and health care.</p> <p>SB 2135 (2001) allows the department to enforce unpaid supervision fees and costs for probation as a civil judgment.</p> <p>HB 1478 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have allowed the administrator of a correctional facility to charge an inmate for room and board.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES SCR 4015 (1999-2000) - The adult correctional system in the state, including its functions, responsibilities, funding, and operation, and the causes of past and projected future increases in the state's adult inmate population, including the impact of sentencing laws (Criminal Justice Committee)</p>
2016 § 5	(Required Study) Study the facilities and operations of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation	<p>NOTE SB 2034 (2001) changes the procedure for the involuntary civil commitment of sexual predators.</p> <p>SB 2406 (2001) allows house arrests to be included as imprisonment for penalty for driving while under the influence.</p>

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		<p>SB 2445 (2001) requires the Attorney General to report to an interim legislative committee on the status and trends of unlawful drug use and abuse and drug control and enforcement efforts.</p> <p>HB 1218 (2001) creates a drug court program.</p> <p>HB 1364 (2001) removes mandatory minimum sentences for first-time drug offenders.</p> <p>HB 1367 (2001) increases the penalties for individuals under 18 but over 16 years of age who deliver controlled substance to a minor or for an offense involving a certain amount of drugs.</p> <p>SB 2439 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have provided for performance-based sentence reductions.</p> <p>HB 1173 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have required an ignition interlock device for driving while under the influence.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES</p> <p>SCR 4015 (1999-2000) - The adult correctional system in the state, including its functions, responsibilities, funding, and operation, and the causes of past and projected future increases in the state's adult inmate population, including the impact of sentencing laws (Criminal Justice Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4051 (1999-2000) - The classification of criminal offenses throughout the North Dakota Century Code (Criminal Justice Committee)</p> <p>SB 2411 (1999-2000) - Privatizing and contracting for services provided by state agencies (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p> <p>SB 2016 (1997-98) - Programs to prevent crime and delinquency and reduce incarceration (Criminal Justice Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4063 (1993-94) - Feasibility and desirability of establishing a women's correctional facility off the State Penitentiary grounds (Budget Committee on Government Finance)</p> <p>SCR 4073 (1993-94) - The cost-effectiveness and economic impact of permitting Roughrider Industries manufacture and sell products that may be produced and sold by the private sector (Budget Committee on Government Finance)</p> <p>SCR 4065 (1991-92) - Additional programs that could be implemented by the State Hospital and alternative uses for the facilities of the State Hospital (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p> <p>SCR 4003 (1991-92) - Feasibility and desirability of the privatization of some state government services (Budget Committee on Government Finance)</p>
2019 § 16	Study the availability of venture capital, tax credits, and other financing and research and development	<p>NOTE</p> <p>HB 1039 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have provided for a North Dakota venture capital fund program.</p>

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	<p>programs for new or expanding businesses, including an inventory of the programs available, a review of the difference between public and private venture capital programs, an assessment of the needs of business and industry, the research and development efforts of the North Dakota University System, and a review of the investments of the State Investment Board and the feasibility and desirability of investing a portion of these funds in North Dakota</p>	<p>PRIOR STUDIES HB 1019 (1999-2000) - The economic development efforts in the state, including the provision of economic development services statewide and the related effectiveness, the potential for the privatization of the Department of Economic Development and Finance, and the appropriate location of the North Dakota Development Fund, including the potential transfer of the fund to the Bank of North Dakota (Commerce and Labor Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4041 (1999-2000) - The potential tax incentives and regulatory relief that would encourage greater investment participation by North Dakota residents in agricultural business ownership (Taxation Committee)</p> <p>SB 2019 (1997-98) - The economic development functions in this state, including the Bank of North Dakota programs, Technology Transfer, Inc., the North Dakota Development Fund, the Department of Economic Development and Finance, and other related state agencies (Commerce and Agriculture Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3002 (1997-98) - The state's investment process as it relates to the state bonding fund and the fire and tornado fund and monitor the performance of all investments of the State Investment Board and the Board of University and School Lands (Budget Committee on Government Finance)</p> <p>HCR 3039 (1997) - The relationship between state general fund revenue gains from economic growth and losses from providing income tax incentives for investment in value-added agricultural processing (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4008 (1995-96) - The state's investment process and the investment of funds (Budget Committee on Government Finance)</p> <p>SCR 4062 (1995) - The effectiveness of economic development programs in creating quality jobs, the relationship between economic development efforts and welfare reform efforts, and ways in which economic development programs can be structured to help recipients of aid to families with dependent children achieve self-sufficiency (Not given priority)</p> <p>SB 2021 (1993-94) - Methods to initiate and sustain new economic development in this state (Jobs Development Commission)</p> <p>Added committee assignment (1993-94) - Property, sales, and use tax exemptions for new industry (Taxation Committee)</p>
2019 § 17	<p>Study the feasibility and desirability of expanding North Dakota's economic development marketing efforts to include international markets and establishing a global marketing</p>	<p>NOTE SB 2019 § 7 requires the Department of Commerce to report to the Budget Section during the 2001-02 interim regarding the establishment of the department.</p> <p>SB 2032 establishes a Department of Commerce.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES HB 1019 (1999-2000) - The economic development efforts in the state, including the provision of economic development services statewide and the related effectiveness, the potential for the privatization of the</p>

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	division within the Department of Commerce	<p>Department of Economic Development and Finance, and the appropriate location of the North Dakota Development Fund, including the potential transfer of the fund to the Bank of North Dakota (Commerce and Labor Committee)</p> <p>SB 2356 (1999-2000) - Feasibility and desirability of forming a multistate agricultural marketing commission for the purpose of marketing agricultural products on behalf of agricultural producers (Agriculture Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3071 (1999) - Feasibility and desirability of licensing or franchising the "Dakota Maid" logo and trademark name of the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association and promoting the logo on a nationwide basis (Not given priority)</p> <p>SB 2019 (1997-98) - The economic development functions in this state, including the Bank of North Dakota programs, Technology Transfer, Inc., the North Dakota Development Fund, the Department of Economic Development and Finance, and other related state agencies (Commerce and Agriculture Committee)</p> <p>HB 1024 (1997) - The coordination of efforts of the Department of Tourism, Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Economic Development and Finance, State Historical Society, and Council on the Arts to maximize their effectiveness by providing unified services to enhance the state's public image (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4046 (1997) - The role of the State Board for Vocational and Technical Education in workforce training and retraining to determine whether the current organizational structure of the board is adequate to ensure continued leadership in readying the state's citizens for a globally competitive marketplace, and to determine the adequacy of funding for the board and for vocational and technical education in this state (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4062 (1995) - The effectiveness of economic development programs in creating quality jobs, the relationship between economic development efforts and welfare reform efforts, and ways in which economic development programs can be structured to help recipients of aid to families with dependent children achieve self-sufficiency (Not given priority)</p> <p>SB 2021 (1993-94) - Methods to initiate and sustain new economic development in this state (Jobs Development Commission)</p>
2020 § 4	Study workforce training and development programs in North Dakota, including efforts to recruit and retain North Dakota's workforce, underemployment and skills shortages, current workforce training efforts, and the involvement of the new	<p>NOTE</p> <p>SB 2020 § 2 requires the Division of Workforce Development of the Department of Commerce to prepare report annually on workforce training and development activities of the North Dakota University System, Job Service North Dakota, Department of Human Services, State Board for Vocational and Technical Education, Department of Commerce, and other workforce partners and present the reports to the Appropriation Committees of the 58th Legislative Assembly. Section 5 requires the North Dakota University System to report during the 2001-02 interim to the Budget Section regarding the amount of funds raised in each region of the state during the first fiscal year of the biennium and the amount anticipated to be raised before June 30, 2003.</p>

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	economy initiative goals and strategies; and the Work Force 2000 and new jobs training programs and other workforce training and development programs administered by agencies of the state of North Dakota, and the feasibility and desirability of consolidating in a single agency the funding and administration of those programs	<p>SB 2271 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have provided for a regional workforce training investment program.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES HB 1019 (1999-2000) - The economic development efforts in the state, including the provision of economic development services statewide and the related effectiveness, the potential for the privatization of the Department of Economic Development and Finance, and the appropriate location of the North Dakota Development Fund, including the potential transfer of the fund to the Bank of North Dakota (Commerce and Labor Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4033 (1999) - The outmigration of state residents (Not given priority)</p> <p>SB 2019 (1997-98) - The economic development functions in this state, including the Bank of North Dakota programs, Technology Transfer, Inc., the North Dakota Development Fund, the Department of Economic Development and Finance, and other related state agencies (Commerce and Agriculture Committee)</p> <p>SB 2020 (1997-98) provided for periodic reports to the Legislative Council by the State Board for Vocational and Technical Education on the board's progress in coordinating statewide access to workforce training (Commerce and Agriculture Committee; Education Services Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4046 (1997) - The role of the State Board for Vocational and Technical Education in workforce training and retraining to determine whether the current organizational structure of the board is adequate to ensure continued leadership in readying the state's citizens for a globally competitive marketplace, and to determine the adequacy of funding for the board and for vocational and technical education in this state (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4062 (1995) - The effectiveness of economic development programs in creating quality jobs, the relationship between economic development efforts and welfare reform efforts, and ways in which economic development programs can be structured to help recipients of aid to families with dependent children achieve self-sufficiency (Not given priority)</p> <p>SB 2021 § 22 (1993-94) - Methods and coordinate efforts to initiate and sustain new economic development in this state (Jobs Development Commission)</p> <p>HCR 3017 (1991) - Employment opportunities for older workers, including barriers, benefit and retirement program options, and workplace education and training, so that older workers can maintain their economic security (Not given priority)</p>
2027 § 2	Study during the 2003-04 interim the efficiency and effectiveness of each motor vehicle branch office included in the motor vehicle branch office pilot project	<p>NOTE SB 2027 § 1 requires the director of the Department of Transportation to establish a pilot project branch office at three sites within Bowman, Emmons, and McKenzie Counties by January 1, 2002, effective until July 1, 2005.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES</p>

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		<p>SCR 4006 (1999-2000) - State agency office space needs to determine the feasibility and desirability of transferring state agencies or state employees to rural areas (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p> <p>SB 2411 (1999-2000) - Privatizing and contracting for services provided by state agencies (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p> <p>SCR 4019 (1999) - The placement of motor vehicle license, registration, title, and excise tax collection services in the treasurer's office of each county in this state (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3053 (1993-94) - The imposition and administration of sales, use, motor vehicle excise, and aircraft taxes (Taxation Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4003 (1991-92) - Feasibility and desirability of the privatization of some state government services (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p>
2159 § 5	Study highway construction and maintenance funding, including revenue sources and distribution formulas for the state, cities, and counties	<p>NOTE SB 2159 §§ 2 and 7 raises registration fees \$7 and temporarily places \$2 of each registration fee in the state highway fund.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES HB 1183 (1999) - The various sources of revenues for highway funding and comparisons with other state highway funding systems to develop an optimum blend of reliable funding sources for highway purposes (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4019 (1997-98) - The adequacy of transportation funding in this state (Budget Committee on Government Finance)</p>
2174 § 1	Study the feasibility of altering North Dakota medical assistance requirements to permit the disregard of income of the spouse of a disabled individual up to the amount of the cap established under Section 1924(d)(3)(C) of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 1396r-5(d)(3)(C)]	<p>NOTE SB 2174, as introduced, would have provided that for the purposes of determining medical assistance eligibility, the income of the spouse of a disabled person may not be considered.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES SB 2012 (1999) - The services provided by the state in its medical assistance program, including optional medical assistance services and the impact to the state and its citizens of providing those services (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3046 (1999-2000) - The various challenges facing the delivery of health care in this state, including changes in hospital reimbursements, technological innovations, and the regionalization of services (Budget Committee on Health Care)</p> <p>HCR 3070 (1999-2000) - Health care access, quality, and cost to determine essential health care services, critical providers, and access sites, and to identify geographic, demographic, and economic issues relating to health care (Budget Committee on Health Care)</p> <p>HB 1012 (1997-98) - The state's welfare reform implementation efforts to determine the effectiveness of welfare reform (Welfare Reform Committee)</p>

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		<p>HB 1226 (1997-98) - The temporary assistance for needy families program (Welfare Reform Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3045 (1995-96) - The responsibilities of county social service agencies as they are distinguished from the responsibilities of regional human service centers and the Department of Human Services (Budget Committee on Human Services)</p> <p>HCR 3043 (1993-94) - The medical assistance eligible population in this state to determine if there is a need for a more equitable distribution of medical assistance reimbursement to certain providers (Budget Committee on Human Services)</p> <p>SCR 4057 (1991-92) - Feasibility and desirability of establishing a basic care program (Budget Committee on Long-Term Care)</p> <p>SCR 4066 (1991-92) - The human services system (Budget Committee on Human Services)</p>
2187 § 1	Study trusts for individuals with disabilities	<p>NOTE SB 2187, as introduced, would have provided for a supplemental needs trust and a special needs trust as means to provide for the needs of an individual with a disability without affecting eligibility for government programs.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES SB 2012 (1999) - Community services provided for the seriously mentally ill, including human service center services and the number of clients served (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4001 (1997-98) - Monitor mental health and foster care services (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p> <p>HB 1012 (1997-98) - The state's welfare reform implementation efforts to determine the effectiveness of welfare reform (Welfare Reform Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4057 (1991-92) - The state's basic care program, including defining the services to be provided (Budget Committee on Long-Term Care)</p> <p>SCR 4066 (1991-92) - The human services system (Budget Committee on Human Services)</p>
2282 § 1	Study methods to encourage production and consumption of ethanol	<p>NOTE SB 2282, as introduced, would have required each dealer to offer alcohol-blended gasoline from at least one pump at each place of business.</p> <p>SB 2019 (2001) provides \$2.5 million from the highway tax distribution fund to the ethanol production incentive program. Distribution is at the rate of 40 cents per gallon of agriculturally derived fuel produced in the state which is marketed by the producing plant to a distributor or wholesaler.</p> <p>SB 2386 (2001) provides a tax credit for investment in any cooperative or limited liability company that processes and markets agricultural commodities capable of being raised in this state.</p>
2324 § 1	Study the delivery of a core	NOTE

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	curriculum to each elementary and high school student in this state and the feasibility and desirability of providing total state funding solely for the delivery of a core curriculum	<p>SB 2324, as introduced, listed the courses that must be taught in kindergarten through grade 12.</p> <p>HB 1293 (2001) provides for student testing in the areas of reading and mathematics. The tests are to be aligned to state content standards.</p> <p>SB 2036 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have provided for the adoption of state content standards.</p> <p>SB 2149 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have provided for the adoption of state content standards.</p> <p>HB 1157 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have provided for a quality schools initiative advisory board.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES</p> <p>SCR 4042 (1999-2000) - Feasibility and desirability of developing and implementing statewide academic standards for and assessments of elementary and high school students and a system of accountability at the school and school district level (Education Finance Committee)</p> <p>SB 2162 (1999-2000) - The provision of education to public school students in this state and the manner in which education to public school students will be delivered in the ensuing 5, 10, and 20 years (Education Finance Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3078 (1999) - The equitable delivery of education services to students in this state and methods of accurately calculating and disbursing state funding for education (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4051 (1997-98) - The desirability of requiring that a core curriculum be taught from kindergarten through grade 12, and if determined to be desirable, develop a core curriculum or endorse an existing core curriculum for delivery to each school child, regardless of where the child resides, and determine the feasibility and desirability of requiring the state to assume all costs of delivering that core curriculum to each school child (Education Services Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4012 (1993-94) - The optimum structure and staff development services necessary to meet the needs of middle-level adolescents identified as the at-risk group in schools (Education Services Committee)</p>
2330 § 1	Study coordination of benefits for children with special needs under the age of 21 among the Department of Public Instruction, the Department of Human Services, and private insurance companies, with the purpose of optimizing and coordinating resources and	<p>NOTE</p> <p>SB 2330, as introduced, would have mandated insurance coverage for augmentative communication devices and services for children if such was prescribed by a treating physician and a speech-language pathologist.</p> <p>HB 1407 (2001) provides that a legislative measure mandating health insurance coverage of services payment for specified providers of services may not be acted upon by any committee of the Legislative Assembly unless the measure is accompanied by a cost-benefit analysis provided by the Legislative Council.</p>

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	expanding services including augmentative communication devices and therapy services	<p>SB 2331 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have required an insurance company to provide coverage for medically necessary therapy, including physical, occupational, speech, or language therapy and equipment, as prescribed by a licensed medical physician for any child under the age of 22.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES SCR 4031 (1999-2000) - The method by which the state funds special education (Education Finance Committee)</p> <p>HB 1014 (1999) - The uses of funds appropriated to the Children's Services Coordinating Committee including a review of uses of funding received by the regional and tribal children's services coordinating committees and of the entities involved in generating refinancing funds (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4054 (1997) - Whether the Department of Human Services should reimburse qualified service providers who provide assistive technology devices and services to individuals with disabilities (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4002 (1995) - Implementation of the 1993-94 interim Budget Committee on Youth Services recommendations to enhance the children's services delivery system in the state (Not given priority)</p> <p>SB 2016 (1993-94) - Children and youth services in this state (Budget Committee on Youth Services)</p> <p>SCR 4055 (1993-94) - The provision of services for children, including services related to child care, education, health, corrections, and foster care (Budget Committee on Youth Services)</p> <p>HCR 3005 (1993) - The provision of services to special needs children from a multiagency perspective (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3010 (1991-92) - The need for and feasibility of adopting and implementing a state health policy for the purposes of providing basic medical and health care to all citizens of the state (Health Care Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3039 (1991-92) - All aspects of special education (Special Education Committee)</p>
2354 § 1	Study the feasibility and desirability of an alternatives-to-abortion services program that would provide information, counseling, and support services to assist women to choose childbirth and to make informed decisions regarding the choice of adoption or parenting	<p>NOTE SB 2354, as introduced, would have required the Department of Human Services to establish an alternatives-to-abortion services program. The bill defined "alternatives-to-abortion services" as those services that provide information, counseling, and support services that assist women to choose childbirth and to make informed decisions regarding the choice of adoption or parenting with respect to their children. The bill included a \$200,000 appropriation for the program.</p> <p>SB 2004 (2001) requires that the printed pregnancy and childbirth materials distributed by the State Department of Health be published in a booklet format and that the majority of the pictures included in the booklet must be full color photograph-style images.</p> <p>SB 2361 (2001) requires the State Department of Health to make available on the department's Internet website the pregnancy and childbirth materials that the department is required to publish.</p>
2380 § 6	Study programs dealing with	NOTE

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	<p>the prevention and treatment of alcohol, tobacco, and drug abuse and other kinds of risk-associated behavior which are operated by various state agencies, including the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the Attorney General, the State Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Public Instruction, the Department of Transportation, the National Guard, and the Supreme Court, and whether better coordination among the programs within those agencies may lead to a more effective and cost-efficient way of operating the programs and providing services</p>	<p>SB 2380 provides for a community health grant program for the purpose of preventing or reducing tobacco use in this state.</p> <p>SB 2445 (2001) requires the Attorney General to report to an interim legislative committee on the status and trends of unlawful drug use and abuse and drug control and enforcement efforts in this state.</p> <p>HB 1218 (2001) creates a drug court program.</p> <p>SB 2116 (2001) makes it a noncriminal offense for a minor to smoke.</p> <p>HB 1012 (2001) prohibits Indian tribes from using funds appropriated for the Native American alcohol and drug abuse education program to be spent to administer the program.</p> <p>HB 1256 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have prohibited smoking in public places.</p> <p>SB 2024 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have provided for money from the tobacco settlement trust fund to be used for city and county employee tobacco education and cessation.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES</p> <p>HB 1004 (1999-2000) - The State Department of Health's comprehensive plan for a community health grant program (Budget Committee on Health Care)</p> <p>SB 2012 (1999) - Community services provided for the seriously mentally ill, including human service center services and the number of clients served (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4001 (1997-98) - Monitor mental health and foster care services (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p> <p>HCR 3030 (1997-98) - The development of a strategic planning process for the future of public health in the state (Insurance and Health Care Committee)</p> <p>SB 2016 (1997-98) - Programs to prevent crime and delinquency and reduce incarceration (Criminal Justice Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4053 (1997-98) - The prevention of and dispositional alternatives to juvenile crime with a focus on services offered to American Indian children (Criminal Justice Committee)</p> <p>NOTE: In 1994 the Governor released the report of the North Dakota Juvenile Justice Task Force, which focused on improving the juvenile justice system.</p> <p>HB 1050 (1995-96) - Feasibility and desirability of requiring mental health services and alcohol and drug addiction related services to be included as health insurance covered services (Insurance and Health Care Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3002 (1995-96) - Monitor the continued development of a continuum of services for the mentally ill and chemically dependent and the changes in the role of the State Hospital and expanded community services, including psychosocial clubs and the clubhouse project (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p>

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		<p>HCR 3008 (1995-96) - Feasibility and desirability of implementing recommendations by the North Dakota Health Task Force for improving the health status of North Dakotans, monitor the rate of health care cost increases, review the impact of newly enacted programs to improve the health status of North Dakotans and address unmet medical needs in rural areas (Insurance and Health Care Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4002 (1993-94) - Monitor the continued development of a continuum of services for the mentally ill and chemically dependent, including changes in the role of the State Hospital, expanded community services, and the development of partnerships between the public and private sectors (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p> <p>SCR 4058 (1993) - The programming offered at the State Hospital and the relationship of the programming to the community-based services offered throughout the state, and to include in the study an audit of the admissions procedures of the State Hospital (Not given priority)</p> <p>SB 2016 (1993-94) - Children and youth services in the state (Budget Committee on Youth Services)</p> <p>HCR 3001 (1991-92) - Monitor the continued development of a continuum of services for the mentally ill and chemically dependent, including expanded community services and related changes in the role of the State Hospital (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p> <p>SCR 4065 (1991-92) - Additional programs that could be implemented by the State Hospital and alternative uses for the facilities of the State Hospital (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p> <p>SCR 4053 (1991-92) - Feasibility and desirability of the Department of Human Services contracting with the private sector for the treatment of alcohol and drug dependent persons (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p>
2419 § 2	Study issues regarding financial responsibility requirements for commercial pesticide applicators	<p>NOTE SB 2167 (2001) requires certification of commercial applicators before they may purchase or use any pesticide. Current law requires certification only if restricted use pesticides are being purchased or applied.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES SB 2009 (1999-2000) - The prioritization of crop protection product labeling needs, explore this state authority under the federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, identify the data necessary to enable registration of a use in a timely manner, determine the research necessary to fulfill data requirements, and request the Agriculture Commissioner to pursue specific research funding options from public and private sources (Crop Harmonization Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3058 (1999-2000) - The chemical application industry and develop a method for assessing or determining damage due to misapplication and for resolution of disputes through mediation (Crop Harmonization Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3014 (1999) - The disparity in prices and the inconsistency in the registration of agricultural pesticides (Not given priority)</p>

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		<p>HCR 3062 (1991) - The feasibility of establishing a collection and disposal program for agricultural pesticides, hazardous household chemicals, and their containers (Not given priority)</p>
2428 § 1	<p>Study the state and local tax structure for funding of elementary and secondary education to determine the feasibility and desirability of enhanced state funding to school districts for delivery of core curriculum instruction, the equity of the existing degree of reliance on property tax revenues for elementary and secondary education funding, and whether improved efficiency is attainable in delivery of elementary and secondary education services</p>	<p>NOTE SB 2428, as introduced, would have raised the federal income liability from 14 to 17 percent. The bill proposed providing \$95 million to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for disbursement to school districts.</p> <p>HB 1432 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have imposed an income tax surtax and a separate two percent sales tax, would have provided for the allocation of such revenues to school districts, and would have eliminated the school district general fund property tax levy authority.</p> <p>HB 1466 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have lowered the requirement for voter approval of school district bonds from 60 percent to a majority of those voting on the question.</p> <p>SB 2360 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have allowed school boards to levy taxes for the payment of tuition charges incurred on behalf of all resident students, not just those in grades 7 through 12 and for any cost of providing student transportation not covered by other state payments.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES SCR 4031 (1999-2000) - The method by which the state funds special education (Education Finance Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3061 (1999) - Taxes imposed by state and local governments and the tax structure and balance among the various tax systems in North Dakota to provide a more equitable distribution of tax burdens (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3064 (1999) - Enhanced funding for school districts for quality education and methods of reducing reliance on property taxes for school district funding (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3078 (1999) - The equitable delivery of education services to students in this state and methods of accurately calculating and disbursing state funding for education (Not given priority)</p> <p>SB 2338 (1997-98) - The financing of elementary and secondary schools and the availability of state support for school construction (Education Finance Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3037 (1997-98) - Feasibility and desirability of providing property tax relief through alternative state and local revenue sources (Taxation Committee)</p> <p>SB 2519 (1995-96) - The financing of elementary and secondary schools and availability of state support for school construction; review the formulas used to equalize state aid, including formulas for student transportation and special education, funding sources that would be alternatives to property tax, and any other issues related to the financing of elementary and secondary schools; and review supplemental payments to high school districts (Education Finance Committee)</p>

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		<p>HB 1003 (1993-94) - The use of nonproperty factors in financing education, quality of education, legal action in this state regarding education finance issues, and the effect of any legislation passed by the 53rd Legislative Assembly that relates to education financing, and may consider any other matter related to education (Education Finance Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3045 (1993-94) - The state's tax structure, particularly the balance among the various tax systems in the state (Taxation Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3068 (1991-92) - Feasibility of implementing an educational funding formula based on current costs that considers using all sources of revenue and wealth to measure a school district's local ability to support education, incorporating sparsity of enrollment, requiring a minimum level of local effort, and providing additional funding for categories of students that are below statewide averages of per pupil expenditures (Education Committee)</p>
2448 §1	Study compliance and jurisdictional issues under the tobacco, alcohol, and fuels tax laws	<p>NOTE SB 2048 (2001) taxes chewing and pipe tobacco by weight. SB 2053 (2001) moves alcohol tax collection responsibility from the State Treasurer to the Tax Commissioner. SB 2397 (2001) requires an out-of-state seller of alcohol to obtain a direct shipping license from the Tax Commissioner and pay taxes. HB 1404 (2001) allows licensing of farm wineries.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES HB 1462 (1999-2000) - Application, enforcement, and administration under the fuels tax laws (Taxation Committee)</p>
3002	Study the completed revision of those provisions of Title 15 of the North Dakota Century Code which relate to elementary and secondary education for the purpose of reconciling any inconsistencies or irregularities	<p>NOTE HB 1045 (2001) concludes part 2 of the Title 15 rewrite. HB 1046 (2001) reconciles parts of the Century Code which are affected because of the Title 15 rewrite.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES HCR 3007 (1999-2000) - Those provisions of Title 15 which relate to elementary and secondary education (Education Services Committee - Completed part 2) SCR 4002 (1997-98) - Those provisions of Title 15 which relate to elementary and secondary education (Education Services Committee - Completed part 1)</p>
3003	Study and develop a legislative redistricting plan or plans for use in the 2002 primary election	<p>NOTE: During the 1995-96 interim, the Legislative Management Committee approved participation in Phase 1 of the Census 2000 Redistricting Data Program; and during the 1997-98 interim, the Legislative Management Committee recommended that the state participate in Phase 2 of the Census 2000 Redistricting Data Program.</p>

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		<p>PRIOR STUDIES SCR 4005 (1999-2000) - The state of the law and technology with respect to legislative redistricting (Legislative Management Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3026 (1991-92) - Legislative apportionment and development of a legislative reapportionment plan for use in the 1992 primary election (Legislative Redistricting and Elections Committee)</p>
3005	Study the fees and point demerits for traffic offenses	<p>NOTE HB 1443 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have changed the fees and points for speeding. SB 2088 (2001) changes the fees and points for speeding.</p>
3010	Study the property tax exemption for public housing authorities	<p>PRIOR STUDIES HCR 3044 (1997-98) - Impact of tax-exempt property on school districts (Taxation Committee) SCR 4015 (1995-96) - The property tax assessment system of the state (Taxation Committee) SCR 4016 (1995-96) - Tax preferences, with emphasis on property tax preferences that may be granted to political subdivisions or that were created as economic development incentives (Taxation Committee) HCR 3015 (1993-94) - Tax preferences under existing law, with emphasis on prevention of unfair competitive advantages to entities receiving the preferences (Taxation Committee) HCR 3045 (1993-94) - The state's tax structure (Taxation Committee) HCR 3059 (1993) - State laws affecting the relationship between local housing authorities and the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (Not given priority) HCR 3043 (1991-92) - Methods and manner in which tax-exempt entities acquire and hold real property, the effect of such acquisition and ownership on local tax bases, and the feasibility and desirability of limiting such acquisition, eliminating or limiting such tax exemptions, or requiring divestiture of such property (Finance and Taxation Committee)</p>
3013	Study the designation of highways in the state highway system and the county road system	<p>NOTE HB 1366 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have designated certain roadways as part of the state highway system.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES HB 1183 (1999) - The various sources of revenues for highway funding and comparisons with other state highway funding systems to develop an optimum blend of reliable funding sources for highway purposes (Not given priority) SCR 4019 (1997-98) - The adequacy of transportation funding in this state (Budget Committee on Government Finance)</p>
3015	Study the separation of powers between the	<p>NOTE</p>

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	legislative, executive, and judicial branches and the distinction between the responsibilities of each branch	North Dakota Constitution, Article XI, § 26, provides the legislative, executive, and judicial branches are coequal branches of government.
3017	Study the method of providing legal representation for indigent criminal defendants and the feasibility and desirability of establishing a public defender system	<p>NOTE SB 2081 (2001) requires an application fee of \$25 for appointment of defense services. The \$25 is deposited in the indigent defense administration fund and is appropriated on a continuing basis to the judicial branch for the administration of the indigent defense system.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES SCR 4014 (1999) - The method of providing legal representation for indigent criminal defendants and the feasibility and desirability of establishing a public defender system (Not given priority)</p> <p>SB 2016 (1997-98) - Programs to prevent crime and delinquency and reduce incarceration (Criminal Justice Committee)</p>
3022	Study the use of incentive programs in North Dakota as a way of keeping elk in the state and providing increased opportunities for landowners, hunters, and the general public	<p>PRIOR STUDIES HCR 3055 (1999-2000) - Extent of and remedies for damage caused to landowners by game and nongame animals, waterfowl, and turkeys and damage caused to property by hunters (Agriculture Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3050 (1993-94) - The state's hunting laws to determine changes that can be made to improve the relationship between hunters and private landowners, including the issuance of gratis permits (Natural Resources Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3056 (1991) - The equity and advisability of the present method of the issuance of gratis hunting permits (Not given priority)</p>
3023	Study the use of easements to protect agricultural and other lands in North Dakota	<p>NOTE HB 1276 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have provided that easements for conserving natural areas and habitats for biota acquired by a nonprofit organization after July 31, 2001, may not exceed 50 years.</p> <p>SB 2266 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have provided that the 99-year easement duration does not apply to easements acquired by an organization if the organization's board of directors consists of agricultural producers, if the organization was incorporated before November 1, 2001, and if the organization is a 501(c)(5) organization.</p> <p>SB 2266 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have provided that the duration of an easement, servitude, or nonappurtenant restriction on the use of real property, except riparian land located along the Missouri River, may not exceed 99 years.</p>

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		<p>HB 1438 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have provided that the duration of an easement, servitude, or nonappurtenant restriction on the use of real property, except property located in the drainage basin of the Little Missouri River, may not exceed 99 years.</p> <p>SB 2319 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have provided that the duration of an easement, servitude, or nonappurtenant restriction on the use of real property, except property located in the Missouri Coteau region, may not exceed 99 years.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES SCR 4027 (1999-2000) - Issues related to the Missouri River in the state (Garrison Diversion Overview Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3027 (1999-2000) - Heritage tourism and the relationships among the State Historical Society, Parks and Recreation Department, Tourism Department, Department of Economic Development and Finance, and private sector promoters and developers of heritage tourism (Commerce and Labor Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3074 (1999) - The amount and value of property owned by nonprofit organizations in this state and the impact of that ownership on local communities and the economy of this state (Not given priority)</p> <p>SB 2064 (1997) - Alternative methods of governing and delivering soil conservation services in the state (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4044 (1993) - Implementation of North Dakota historic sites, state parks, and tourism development plan and potential funding mechanism for specific projects listed in the plan (Not given priority)</p>
3026	Study the feasibility and desirability of wind energy development in North Dakota	<p>NOTE HB 1221 (2001) provides sales and use tax exemptions for wind-powered electrical generating facilities on which construction is completed before January 1, 2011, and all additions to the facility which provide electrical power through wind generation and which have at least one single electrical energy generation unit with a nameplate capacity of 100 kilowatts or more.</p> <p>HB 1222 (2001) reduces the taxable valuation of wind turbine electric generators that are centrally assessed property by providing that a centrally assessed wind turbine electric generation unit with a nameplate generation capacity of 100 kilowatts or more, on which construction is completed before January 1, 2011, must be valued at three percent of assessed value, rather than 10 percent, to determine taxable valuation of the property.</p> <p>HB 1223 (2001) provides an income tax credit for geothermal, solar, or wind energy devices by providing that a taxpayer filing a North Dakota income tax return may claim a credit for the cost of a geothermal, solar, or wind energy device installed before January 1, 2011, in a building or on property owned or leased by the taxpayer in the state. The credit provided for a device installed before January 1, 2001, is in an amount equal to five percent per year for three years, and for a device installed after December 31, 2000, in an amount equal to three percent per year for five years of the actual cost of acquisition and installation.</p>

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		of the geothermal, solar, or wind energy device and must be subtracted from any income tax liability of the taxpayer.
3037	Study the feasibility and desirability of creating cost-sharing or funding mechanisms for the unexpected discovery of cultural or paleontological resources within local road projects	<p>NOTE HB 1236 (1999), which failed to pass the House, would have provided for the sharing of costs upon the discovery of a cultural resource during highway construction or maintenance.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES HB 1183 (1999) - The various sources of revenues for highway funding and comparisons with other state highway funding systems to develop an optimum blend of reliable funding sources for highway purposes (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4019 (1997-98) - The adequacy of transportation funding in this state (Budget Committee on Government Finance)</p>
3043	Study the fiscal note process	<p>NOTE The Legislative Management Committee has reviewed the fiscal note process on a continuing basis since 1981.</p> <p>SCR 4021 (1995) - The fiscal note process (Not given priority)</p>
3044	Study the feasibility and desirability of establishing a putative fathers' adoption registry	<p>NOTE SB 2171 (1999), which was required by the federal Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997, amended the adoption procedures statutes to require that the reports and assessments of adoptive parents include a criminal history record investigation.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES SCR 4032 (1999-2000) - The family law process in the state with a focus on a review of existing statutes, the coordination of procedures, and the further implementation of alternative dispute resolution methods (Judiciary Committee)</p> <p>HB 1041 (1997-98) - The provision of child support services and child care licensing in this state (Child Support Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3031 (1997-98) - The issues of fairness and equity as they relate to child support guidelines and the issuance and enforcement of child custody and visitation orders (Child Support Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4001 (1997-98) - Monitor mental health and foster care services (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p> <p>SCR 4048 (1997) - The interrelationship of the postjudgment issues of child support and visitation, including the accountability of both parents to honor divorce orders and the development of a parenting education program that addresses the impact of divorce on children (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4043 (1993-94) - Feasibility and desirability of establishing a family court for the resolution of domestic relations cases for low income persons (Court Services Committee)</p>

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		<p>SCR 4057 (1993-94) - The Uniform Interstate Family Support Act and its relationship to existing North Dakota law and the desirability of adopting it (Judiciary Committee)</p>
3047	Study the property tax assessment and valuation of agricultural property	<p>NOTE HB 1362 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have imposed a freeze on agricultural property assessed values. HB 1246 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have limited the changes in the capitalization rate used to value agricultural property for tax purposes. SB 2068 (2001) revises provisions on inundated agricultural property assessment.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES HCR 3061 (1999) - Taxes imposed by state and local governments and the tax structure and balance among the various tax systems in North Dakota to provide a more equitable distribution of tax burdens (No given priority) HCR 3037 (1997-98) - Feasibility and desirability of providing property tax relief through alternative state and local revenue sources (Taxation Committee) Added committee assignment (1997-98) - Assessment of agricultural property and inundated lands (Taxation Committee) SCR 4015 (1995-96) - The property tax assessment system of the state, with emphasis on the potential benefits to the system from improved technology and sharing of resources (Taxation Committee) SCR 4051 (1995-96) - Property tax assessment for irrigated and nonirrigated agricultural land (Taxation Committee)</p>
3048	Study the feasibility and desirability of creating a State Department of Health Division of Women's Health and an Advisory Committee on Women's Health	<p>NOTE HB 1472 (2001) authorizes the Department of Human Services to provide medical assistance for income eligible women screened and found to have breast or cervical cancer in accordance with the federal Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000. HB 1144 (2001) provides that a health insurance policy, contract, or evidence of insurance may not be issued or renewed unless the benefit provisions of the federal Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 are included. HB 1036 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have required the Department of Human Services to annually review the income eligibility of children and pregnant women who are receiving medical assistance</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES</p>

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		<p>HCR 3070 (1999-2000) - Health care access, quality, and cost to determine essential health care services critical providers, and access sites, and to identify geographic, demographic, and economic issues relating to health care (Budget Committee on Health Care)</p> <p>HCR 3033 (1997-98) - The effects of managed health care on the future viability of the health care delivery system in rural North Dakota (Insurance and Health Care Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3008 (1995-96) - Feasibility and desirability of implementing recommendations by the North Dakota Health Task Force for improving the health status of North Dakotans, the rate of health care cost increases, the impact of newly enacted programs to improve the health status of North Dakotans, and the unmet medical needs in rural areas (Insurance and Health Care Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4061 (1993-94) - Feasibility and desirability of pooling all sources of funding for health care benefits in conjunction with the study by the North Dakota Health Task Force in exploring the control of costs and the redistribution of dollars toward improved access to services through a health care reimbursement system (Health and Communications Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3010 (1991-92) - The need for and feasibility of adopting and implementing a state health policy for the purpose of providing basic medical and health care to all citizens of the state (Health Care Committee)</p>
3050	Study the feasibility and desirability of realigning the divisions within the Department of Human Services or moving some divisions or functions to the State Department of Health or other state agencies	<p>PRIOR STUDIES</p> <p>SB 2012 (1999-2000) - The services provided by human service centers, including the appropriateness and justification for continuing human service center programs, the cost/benefit of human service programs, methods for evaluating the effectiveness and outcomes of human service center programs, and the need to establish priorities relating to human service center programs (Budget Committee on Human Services)</p> <p>SB 2012 (1999) - The services provided by the state in its medical assistance program, including optional medical assistance services and the impact to the state and its citizens of providing those services (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3032 (1997-98) - The responsibilities of county social services as they are distinguished from the responsibilities of regional human service centers and the Department of Human Services when providing services to children and their families and persons with disabilities, including the elderly (Budget Committee on Human Services)</p> <p>HCR 3045 (1995-96) - The responsibilities of county social service agencies as they are distinguished from the responsibilities of regional human service centers and the Department of Human Services (Budget Committee on Human Services)</p> <p>SCR 4057 (1991-92) - The state basic care program, including defining the services to be provided (Budget Committee on Long-Term Care)</p> <p>SCR 4066 (1991-92) - The human services system (Budget Committee on Human Services)</p>

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3052	Study issues of safety, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness with respect to school district transportation	<p>NOTE HB 1235 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have reconfigured the method by which school district transportation payments are calculated. Each school district transporting students would have been entitled to receive 25 cents per mile for buses having a capacity of nine or fewer, 67 cents per mile for buses having a capacity of 10 or more, and 40 cents per day for each student who is transported by bus. Currently, this payment level is applicable to students who reside outside the limits of a city. For in-city students, the payments are 25 cents per mile and 20 cents for each one-way trip by a student.</p> <p>HB 1149 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have allowed students to attend vocational education courses in another school district in this state or in a bordering state and it would have provided state transportation aid on behalf of the students.</p> <p>SB 2268 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have appropriated \$100,000 to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for continuation of the data envelopment analysis project, i.e., mapping school district transportation routes and helping school districts select the best routes.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES SB 2162 (1999-2000) - The provision of education to public school students in this state and the manner in which education to public school students will be delivered in the ensuing 5, 10, and 20 years (Education Finance Committee) SB 2338 (1997-98) - The financing of elementary and secondary schools and the availability of state support of school construction (Education Finance Committee) SB 2519 (1995-96) - The financing of elementary and secondary schools and availability of state support of school construction; review the formulas used to equalize state aid, including formulas for student transportation and special education, funding sources that would be alternatives to property tax, and any other issues related to the financing of elementary and secondary schools (Education Finance Committee) HB 1003 (1993-94) - The use of nonproperty factors in financing education, the quality of education, legislation in this state regarding education finance issues, the effect of any legislation passed by the 53rd Legislative Assembly that relates to education financing, and may consider any other matters related to education (Education Finance Committee) HCR 3069 (1991) - State transportation aid to school districts (Not given priority)</p>
3054	Study the impact on domestic relations law of using the term "parental responsibility" in lieu of "custody" and "parenting time" in lieu of "visitation"	<p>NOTE HB 1232 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have replaced the terms "custody", "visitation", "custodial parent", and "noncustodial parent", as used in domestic relations law, with "parental responsibility", "parenting time", "parent of primary residence", and "parent of alternate residence".</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES</p>

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		<p>SCR 4032 (1999-2000) - The family law process in the state with a focus on a review of existing statutes, the coordination of procedures, and the further implementation of alternative dispute resolution methods (Judiciary Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3031 (1997-98) - The issues of fairness and equity as they relate to child support guidelines and the issuance and enforcement of child custody and visitation orders (Child Support Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4048 (1997) - The interrelationship of the postjudgment issues of child support and visitation, including the accountability of both parents to honor divorce orders and the development of a parenting education program that addresses the impact of divorce on children (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4049 (1995) - Issues relating to child support (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4055 (1995) - Feasibility and desirability of establishing an administrative process for the enforcement of child support obligations (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4043 (1993-94) - Feasibility and desirability of establishing a family court for the resolution of domestic relations cases for low income persons (Court Services Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4057 (1993-94) - The Uniform Interstate Family Support Act and its relationship to existing North Dakota law and the desirability of adopting it (Judiciary Committee)</p> <p>SB 2002 (1991-92) - The impact of various child support guideline models on family units, on the quality of the relationships among the persons in the families, and on children who receive child support (Administrative Rules Committee)</p>
3055	Study the effectiveness of various economic development incentives and the feasibility and desirability of creating a reporting system that assists in compiling a complete inventory of economic development incentive programs and in evaluating the effectiveness of the programs	<p>NOTE HB 1403 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have provided for the collection and review of information on economic development incentives provided by the state and political subdivisions.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES HB 1019 (1999-2000) - The economic development efforts in the state, including the provision of economic development services statewide and the related effectiveness, the potential for the privatization of the Department of Economic Development and Finance, and the appropriate location of the North Dakota Development Fund, including the potential transfer of the fund to the Bank of North Dakota (Commerce and Labor Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4033 (1999) - The outmigration of the state residents (Not given priority)</p> <p>SB 2019 (1997-98) - Economic development functions in this state, including the Bank of North Dakota programs, Technology Transfer, Inc., the North Dakota Development Fund, the Department of Economic Development and Finance, and other related state agencies (Commerce and Agriculture Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4062 (1995) - The effectiveness of economic development programs in creating quality jobs, the relationship between economic development efforts and welfare reform efforts, and ways in which economic</p>

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		<p>development programs can be structured to help recipients of aid to families with dependent children achieve self-sufficiency (Not given priority)</p> <p>SB 2021 (1993-94) - Methods to initiate and sustain new economic development in this state (Jobs Development Commission)</p> <p>SB 2058 (1991-92) - Collocation of the Bank of North Dakota and the Department of Economic Development and Finance (Industry, Business, and Labor Committee)</p>
3056	Study the state of and future demands on the transportation infrastructure in this state	<p>PRIOR STUDIES</p> <p>HB 1183 (1999) - The various sources of revenues for highway funding and comparisons with other state highway funding systems to develop an optimum blend of reliable funding sources for highway purposes (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3080 (1999) - The provision of air service and Amtrak service in this state (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4019 (1997-98) - The adequacy of transportation funding in this state (Budget Committee on Government Finance)</p> <p>HCR 3020 (1997) - Airline service in this state (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3039 (1995) - Feasibility and desirability of establishing four regional air transportation terminals in the state and of developing a system of intrastate commuter air and ground transportation to serve those regional facilities (Not given priority)</p>
3057	Study the technological capacity and needs of the state	<p>NOTE</p> <p>SB 2043 (2001) requires reports from the Information Technology Department to the Information Technology Committee, the Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee, and the Budget Section.</p> <p>NDCC § 54-35-15.1 requires the Legislative Council to appoint an Information Technology Committee. NDCC § 49-21-22.2 provides for a Regulatory Reform Review Commission. NDCC § 54-35-18.1 provides an Electric Industry Competition Committee.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES</p> <p>NDCC § 54-35-15.1 requires the Legislative Council to appoint during each biennium a statutory Information Technology Committee consisting of four members of the House and three members of the Senate. Under Section 54-35-15.2, the committee is to meet at least quarterly. The committee is required to review the activities of the Information Technology Department, statewide information technology standards, the statewide information technology plan, and major information technology projects; conduct studies; and make recommendations regarding proposed information technology programs and information technology acquisition.</p> <p>NDCC § 49-21-22.2 establishes the Regulatory Reform Review Commission for the 2001-02 interim. Of the five members, the President of the Senate appoints two members of the Senate and the Speaker of the House appoints two members of the House. The chairman of the Legislative Council designates the</p>

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		<p>chairman and vice chairman of the commission. The commission is required to review the operation and effect of North Dakota telecommunications law on an ongoing basis, and may review the effects of federal universal service support mechanisms on telecommunications companies and consumers in this state and may review the preservation and advancement of universal service in this state. The Regulatory Reform Review Commission was first appointed in 1989.</p> <p>NDCC § 54-35-18.1 requires the Legislative Council to appoint a committee to study electric industry competition. The committee is to consist of three or four members of the House of Representatives and three or four members of the Senate. The chairman of the Legislative Council designates one member as chairman. The committee is required to study the impact of competition on the generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy within the state and on the state's electric suppliers. The Electric Industry Competition Committee was first appointed in 1997.</p> <p>SCR 4055 (1997-98) - The potential for expansion of extended area telecommunications service (Referred for study by the Regulatory Reform Review Commission)</p> <p>SCR 4027 (1995-96) - The operation and the services provided by the Information Services Division, the use and proliferation of personal computers throughout state government, and the feasibility and desirability of contracting for data processing services (Budget Committee on Agriculture and Information Services)</p> <p>SCR 4054 (1993) - Feasibility and desirability of state regulation of the cable television industry (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3031 (1991) - The impact and potential benefits to be derived from the use of electronic communications in government services (Not given priority)</p>
3058	Study current and 5-, 10-, 25-, and 50-year projections of the delivery of health care services in the state, including the capacity, distribution, and accessibility of the system of providing health services; the changing dynamics of delivery and funding of health services; possible health care services strategies to better serve residents; the role of health care services in future development in this state; and the effects of having inadequate	<p>PRIOR STUDIES</p> <p>HCR 3046 (1999-2000) - The various challenges facing the delivery of health care in this state, including changes in hospital reimbursements, technological innovations, and the regionalization of services (Budget Committee on Health Care)</p> <p>HCR 3070 (1999-2000) - Health care access, quality, and cost to determine essential health care services, critical providers, and access sites, and to identify geographic, demographic, and economic issues relating to health care (Budget Committee on Health Care)</p> <p>HCR 3033 (1997-98) - The effects of managed health care on the future viability of the health care delivery system in rural North Dakota (Insurance and Health Care Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4061 (1993-94) - Feasibility and desirability of pooling all sources of funding for health care benefits in conjunction with the study by the North Dakota Health Task Force in exploring the control of costs and the redistribution of dollars toward improved access to services through a health care reimbursement system (Health and Communications Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3010 (1991-92) - The need for and feasibility of adopting and implementing a state health policy for the purpose of providing basic medical and health care to all citizens of the state (Health Care Committee)</p>

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	reimbursement in this state, including the impact of inadequate reimbursement on the continued availability, viability, and financial stability of health care	<p>SCR 4002 (1991-92) - Feasibility and ramifications of adopting and implementing a state-subsidized health insurance program for uninsured and underinsured residents (Health Care Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4051 (1991-92) - Feasibility of providing basic statewide health and work-related accident insurance for all North Dakota workers and their dependents (Industry, Business, and Labor Committee)</p>
3059	Study the water concerns and needs of North Dakota	<p>PRIOR STUDIES</p> <p>SCR 4027 (1999-2000) - Issues related to the Missouri River in this state (Garrison Diversion Overview Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3013 (1999) - Basinwide water management of the Red River Basin (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4041 (1997-98) - The establishment of watershed districts to manage water based on watershed boundaries (Garrison Diversion Overview Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4033 (1995-96) - The financing and funding needs for development and completion of the state's water resources infrastructure and methods for development of a program to provide financing and funding of water supply facilities in this state (Water Resources Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4053 (1995-96) - The state's water laws concerning their effect on the efficient use of water and the effect on the holders of senior water rights (Water Resources Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3054 (1993) - The supplying of water to rural areas and small towns (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4075 (1991 Special Session) - Investigate and recommend a program or programs for funding and financing this comprehensive statewide water development program (Natural Resources Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4038 (1991-92) - Methods that could be used to fund and finance critical water projects and programs including construction of facilities (Natural Resources Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3045 (1991) - Water quality in this state and the best methods of preserving and improving on the quality of water supplies (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4039 (1991-92) - The priority of water rights and North Dakota's water permitting process (Natural Resources Committee)</p>
3060	Study the feasibility and desirability of providing school district property tax relief and replacement of revenues through state funding	<p>NOTE</p> <p>SB 2428 (2001), as introduced, would have raised the federal income liability from 14 to 17 percent. The bill proposed providing \$95 million to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for disbursement to school districts.</p> <p>SB 2360 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have allowed school boards to levy taxes for the payment of tuition charges incurred on behalf of all resident students, not just those in grades 7 through 12 and for any cost of providing student transportation not covered by other state payments.</p>

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		<p>PRIOR STUDIES</p> <p>SCR 4031 (1999-2000) - The method by which the state funds special education (Education Finance Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3061 (1999) - Taxes imposed by state and local governments and the tax structure and balance among the various tax systems in North Dakota to provide a more equitable distribution of tax burdens (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3064 (1999) - The provision of enhanced funding for school districts for quality education and methods of reducing reliance on property taxes for school district funding (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3078 (1999) - The equitable delivery of education services to students in this state and methods of accurately calculating and disbursing state funding for education (Not given priority)</p> <p>SB 2338 (1997-98) - The financing of elementary and secondary schools and the availability of state support for school construction (Education Finance Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3037 (1997-98) - Feasibility and desirability of providing property tax relief through alternative state and local revenue sources (Taxation Committee)</p> <p>SB 2519 (1995-96) - The financing of elementary and secondary schools and availability of state support for school construction; review the formulas used to equalize state aid, including formulas for student transportation and special education, funding sources that would be alternatives to property tax, and any other issues related to the financing of elementary and secondary schools; and review supplemental payments to high school districts (Education Finance Committee)</p> <p>HB 1003 (1993-94) - The use of nonproperty factors in financing education, quality of education, legal action in this state regarding education finance issues, and the effect of any legislation passed by the 53rd Legislative Assembly that relates to education financing, and may consider any other matters related to education (Education Finance Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3045 (1993-94) - The state's tax structure, particularly the balance among the various tax systems in the state (Taxation Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3068 (1991-92) - Feasibility of implementing an educational funding formula based on current costs that considers using all sources of revenue and wealth to measure a school district's local ability to support education, incorporating sparsity of enrollment, requiring a minimum level of local effort, and providing additional funding for categories of students that are below statewide averages of per pupil expenditures (Education Committee)</p>
3061	Study the delivery of elementary and secondary education during the ensuing 5, 10, and 20 years, with emphasis on a review of	<p>NOTE</p> <p>HB 1141 (2001) addresses available options in a reorganization plan for interim fund balances, provides that in order for reorganizing districts to receive reorganization bonuses, the districts must consist of at least 800 square miles or consist of at least 500 square miles, have a student enrollment of at least 520, and</p>

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	<p>the current school district structure, reorganization options, the potential for creating alternate administrative units, and the equitable distribution of state aid to school districts and to obtain the information necessary for this study through a variety of means, including testimony from school district superintendents and business managers</p>	<p>have no practical reorganization alternatives that would allow the districts to meet the 800-square-mile criteria.</p> <p>HB 1301 (2001) appropriates \$1,665,000 for reorganization bonuses.</p> <p>SB 2148 (2001) clarifies certain procedures and requirements in the annexation, reorganization, and dissolution of school districts.</p> <p>HB 1384 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have provided that the state board could not consider or approve a reorganization unless the reorganization included at least one high school district that has an enrollment of at least 225 students. The proposed reorganization would also have had to meet student and square mileage requirements.</p> <p>SB 2270 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have required all land to be in a high school district by June 30, 2004.</p> <p>SB 2200 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have appropriated \$500,000 to the Legislative Council for the creation of a nine-member legislative committee and the employment of a consultant, who would have been charged with studying the current structure of school districts, special education units, and vocational education units, and options for the reorganization of such entities.</p> <p>HB 1177 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have replaced county reorganization committee with regional reorganization committees.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES</p> <p>SB 2162 (1999-2000) - The provision of education to public school students in this state and the manner in which education to public school students will be delivered in the ensuing 5, 10, and 20 years (Education Finance Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3078 (1999) - The equitable delivery of education services to students in this state and methods of accurately calculating and disbursing state funding for education (Not given priority)</p> <p>SB 2338 (1997-98) - The financing of elementary and secondary schools and the availability of state support of school construction (Education Finance Committee)</p> <p>SB 2519 (1995-96) - The financing of elementary and secondary schools and availability of state support of school construction; review the formulas used to equalize state aid, including formulas for student transportation and special education, funding sources that would be alternatives to property tax, and any other issues related to the financing of elementary and secondary schools (Education Finance Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4004 (1995) - The needs of school districts regarding buildings and facilities and the role of the state in the construction, maintenance, and renovation of school buildings and facilities (Not given priority)</p> <p>HB 1003 (1993-94) - The use of nonproperty factors in financing education, the quality of education, legislation in this state regarding education finance issues, the effect of any legislation passed by the 53rd</p>

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		<p>Legislative Assembly that relates to education financing, and may consider any other matters related to education (Education Finance Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4046 (1993) - Geographical boundaries defining educational service areas (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3023 (1991) - Feasibility and desirability of various methods for redesigning the administration of education in the state (Not given priority)</p>
3062	<p>Study issues relating to the high and rising cost of prescription drugs in the United States and inequitable prescription drug pricing in the United States and possible methods of containing prescription drug costs</p>	<p>NOTE HB 1116 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have authorized the Department of Human Services to require prior authorization before providing medical assistance for medical treatment and prescription drugs.</p> <p>HB 1382 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have provided an income tax credit for prescribed drugs and insulin.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES HCR 3070 (1999-2000) - Health care access, quality, and cost to determine essential health care services, critical providers, and access sites, and to identify geographic, demographic, and economic issues relating to health care (Budget Committee on Health Care)</p> <p>HCR 3033 (1997-98) - The effects of managed health care on the future viability of the health care delivery system in rural North Dakota (Insurance and Health Care)</p> <p>SCR 4061 (1993-94) - Feasibility and desirability of pooling all sources of funding for health care benefits in conjunction with the study by the North Dakota Health Task Force in exploring the control of costs and the redistribution of dollars toward improved access to services through a health care reimbursement system (Health and Communications Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3010 (1991-92) - The need for and feasibility of adopting and implementing a state health policy for the purpose of providing basic medical and health care to all citizens of the state (Health Care Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4002 (1991-92) - Feasibility and ramifications of adopting and implementing a state-subsidized health insurance program for uninsured and underinsured residents (Health Care Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4051 (1991-92) - Feasibility of providing basic statewide health and work-related accident insurance for all North Dakota workers and their dependents (Industry, Business, and Labor Committee)</p>
3064	<p>Study workers' compensation fraud by employers, employees, attorneys, health care providers, and rehabilitation service providers in order to identify the financial impact of such</p>	<p>NOTE SB 2121 (2001) provides that an employer is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor if the employer willfully commits certain acts relating to filing of false claims or statements.</p> <p>NDCC § 65-02-23 requires the Workers Compensation Bureau to establish a workers' compensation fraud unit to investigate and review any alleged case of fraud against the fund by employers, employees, or providers of services.</p>

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	fraud on the North Dakota workers' compensation fund, the most appropriate method of addressing such fraud, and the cost of addressing such fraud	<p>NDCC § 65-02-03.3 requires the director of the Workers Compensation Bureau and the chairman of the Workers Compensation Board of Directors to report annually to the Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee. Section 65-02-30 requires a report regarding the biennial audit of the Workers Compensation Bureau from the director of the bureau, the chairman of the board of directors of the bureau, and the auditor.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES SCR 4038 (1993-94) - The workers' compensation system including the cost and delivery of medical care, the cost of rehabilitation, legal fees, previous legislation, premium structure, alternative insurance concepts, and the impact on the fund of those concepts, administration and staffing of the bureau, the number of injured workers receiving social services benefits, and employer and employee fraud (Workers Compensation Committee)</p>
3065	Study the negative impact due to diminishing rail access and service, the cost to industry, business, and communities of shifting rail services to state and local highway systems, and the feasibility and desirability of funding enhanced rail facilities including an intermodal rail facility in this state	<p>PRIOR STUDIES SB 2356 (1999-2000) - Multistate marketing of agricultural products (Agriculture Committee) HB 1183 (1999) - The various sources of revenues for highway funding and comparisons with other state highway funding systems to develop an optimum blend of reliable funding sources for highway purposes (Not given priority) SCR 4019 (1997-98) - The adequacy of transportation funding in this state (Budget Committee on Government Finance)</p>
3066	Study the feasibility and desirability of increasing the communication between the executive and legislative branches to monitor and assess the development of state policy regarding economics, population, and business growth	<p>NOTE SB 2032 (2001) creates the Department of Commerce and the commerce cabinet. SB 2032 requires the commissioner of commerce to report to standing committees of each house regarding the Department of Commerce goals and objectives, long-term goals and objectives, and on commerce benchmarks. SB 2019 (2001) requires the commissioner of commerce to report periodically to the Budget Section on the status of the establishment of the Department of Commerce. HB 1413 (2001) requires the Division of Economic Development and Finance to report to the Finance and Taxation Committees of the 58th Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES HB 1019 (1999-2000) - The economic development efforts in the state, including the provision of economic development services statewide and the related effectiveness, the potential for the privatization of the Department of Economic Development and Finance, and the appropriate location of the North Dakota</p>

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		<p>Development Fund, including the potential transfer of the fund to the Bank of North Dakota (Commerce and Labor Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4033 (1999) - The outmigration of North Dakota residents (Not given priority)</p> <p>SB 2019 (1997-98) - Economic development functions in this state, including the Bank of North Dakota programs, Technology Transfer, Inc., the North Dakota Development Fund, the Department of Economic Development and Finance, and other related state agencies (Commerce and Agriculture Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3028 (1997) - Feasibility and desirability of establishing a Department of Commerce (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4062 (1995) - The effectiveness of economic development programs in creating quality jobs, the relationship between economic development efforts and welfare reform efforts, and ways in which economic development programs can be structured to help recipients of aid to families with dependent children achieve self-sufficiency (Not given priority)</p> <p>SB 2021 (1993-94) - Methods to initiate and sustain new economic development in this state (Jobs Development Commission)</p> <p>SB 2058 (1991-92) - Collocation of the Bank of North Dakota and the Department of Economic Development and Finance (Industry, Business, and Labor Committee)</p>
3067	Study the feasibility and desirability of establishing a behavior modification academy for certain adult and juvenile offenders	<p>PRIOR STUDIES</p> <p>HCR 3062 (1999) - Alternative dispositions, including boot camps, for youth in the juvenile justice system (Not given priority)</p> <p>SB 2016 (1997-98) - Programs to prevent crime and delinquency and reduce incarceration (Criminal Justice Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4053 (1997-98) - The prevention of and dispositional alternatives to juvenile crime with a focus on services offered to American Indian children (Criminal Justice Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4002 (1995) - Implementation of the 1993-94 interim Budget Committee on Youth Services recommendations to enhance the children's services delivery system in North Dakota (Not given priority)</p> <p>NOTE: In 1994 the Governor released the report of the North Dakota Juvenile Justice Task Force, which focused on improving the juvenile justice system.</p> <p>SB 2016 (1993-94) - Children and youth services in the state (Budget Committee on Youth Services)</p> <p>HCR 3057 (1993-94) - The problems and resources available to meet the needs of North Dakota youth ages 17 through 21 who are released from the state foster care or court system (Budget Committee on Youth Services)</p> <p>SCR 4055 (1993-94) - The provision of services for children, including services related to child care, education, health, corrections, and foster care (Budget Committee on Youth Services)</p>

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3068	Study the feasibility and desirability of creating a tiered early childhood facility licensure system that requires licensure of facilities not required to be licensed under the current system	<p>NOTE SB 2417 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have established a community child care grant program.</p> <p>SB 2237 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have provided an appropriation for an early childhood and family center.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES HB 1041 (1997-98) - The provision of child support services and child care licensing in this state (Child Support Committee) SB 2016 (1993-94) - Children and youth services in the state (Budget Committee on Youth Services) HCR 3004 (1993) - The North Dakota early childhood tracking system (Not given priority)</p>
4001	Study the property tax exemption for institutions of public charity providing a combination of health and housing services	<p>NOTE SB 2425 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, related to the property tax exemption for assisted living facilities.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES HCR 3052 (1997-98) - Property tax exemption for charitable organizations (Taxation Committee) SCR 4016 (1995-96) - Tax preferences, with emphasis on property tax preferences that may be granted by political subdivisions or that were created as economic development incentives (Taxation Committee) HCR 3015 (1993-94) - Tax preferences under existing law, with emphasis on prevention of unfair competitive advantages to entities receiving tax preferences (Taxation Committee) HCR 3043 (1991-92) - Methods and manner tax-exempt entities acquire and hold real property, the effect of such acquisition and ownership on local tax bases, and the feasibility and desirability of limiting such acquisition, eliminating or limiting such tax exemptions, or requiring divestiture of such property (Finance and Taxation Committee)</p>
4011	Study the library system in North Dakota to determine the most efficient and effective methods for delivery of library services	<p>NOTE SB 2055 (2001) increases the size of the Library Coordinating Council from 10 to 11 by adding another citizen member.</p> <p>SB 2245 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have provided that upon petition by at least 51 percent of the qualified electors of each city and county involved or upon resolution of the governing body of each city or county involved, public library services may be jointly offered.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES SB 2013 (1995-96) - The library system in the state, including the role and mission of the State Library, cooperative library ventures, and research and information systems (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p>

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		<p>HCR 3058 (1993-94) - The provision of services to blind and visually impaired children and adults (Education Services Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4035 (1993) - The provision and funding of adult literacy programs (Not given priority)</p>
4014	Study the adoption laws of this state and other states	<p>NOTE SB 2171 (1999), which was required by the federal Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997, amended the adoption procedures statutes to require that the reports and assessments of adoptive parents include a criminal history record investigation.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES SCR 4032 (1999-2000) - The family law process in the state with a focus on the review of existing statutes, the coordination of procedures, and the further implementation of alternative dispute resolution methods (Judiciary Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4043 (1993-94) - Feasibility and desirability of establishing a family court for the resolution of domestic relations cases for low income persons (Court Services Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4057 (1993-94) - The Uniform Interstate Family Support Act and its relationship to existing North Dakota law and the desirability of adopting it (Judiciary Committee)</p>
4017	Study the feasibility and desirability of implementing a retirement program for all law enforcement and correctional officers within the state of North Dakota which provides retirement benefits similar to those provided to the members of the Highway Patrolmen's retirement system pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 39-03.1	<p>PRIOR STUDIES HB 1002 (1991) - Feasibility and desirability of including all county judges in the Public Employees Retirement System (Not given priority)</p>
4018	Study the commitment procedures contained in North Dakota Century Code Chapter 25-03.1 and the commitment laws from other states to determine if North Dakota law sufficiently addresses the treatment	<p>NOTE SB 2445 (2001) requires the Attorney General to report to an interim legislative committee on the status and trends of unlawful drug use and abuse and drug control and enforcement efforts in this state.</p> <p>HB 1364 (2001) removes mandatory minimum sentences for first-time drug offenders.</p> <p>HB 1367 (2001) increases the penalties for individuals under 18 but over 16 years of age who deliver controlled substance to a minor or for an offense involving a certain amount of drugs.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES</p>

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	needs of controlled substance abusers in this state, to study the mandatory minimum sentence requirements of North Dakota Century Code Chapter 19-03.1 and the mandatory minimum sentencing laws from other states and the federal government relating to drug offenders, and to study the need for legislation to assist in the cooperative efforts of state, local, and federal agencies to combat unlawful drug use and abuse in this state	<p>SCR 4015 (1999-2000) - The adult correctional system in the state, including its functions, responsibilities, funding, and operation, and the causes of past and projected future increases in the state's adult inmate population, including the impact of sentencing laws (Criminal Justice Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4051 (1999-2000) - The classification of criminal offenses throughout the North Dakota Century Code (Criminal Justice Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3002 (1995-96) - Monitor the continued development of a continuum of services for the mentally ill and chemically dependent and the changes in the role of the State Hospital and expanded community services, including psychosocial clubs and the clubhouse project (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p> <p>SCR 4002 (1993-94) - Monitor the continued development of a continuum of services for the mentally ill and chemically dependent, including changes in the role of the State Hospital, expanded community services, and the development of partnerships between the public and private sectors (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p> <p>SCR 4058 (1993) - The programming offered at the State Hospital and the relationship of the programming to the community-based services offered throughout the state, and to include in the study an audit of the admissions procedures of the State Hospital (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3069 (1993) - The substantive criminal laws of the state (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3001 (1991-92) - Monitor the continued development of a continuum of services for the mentally ill and chemically dependent, including expanded community services and related changes in the role of the State Hospital (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p> <p>SCR 4065 (1991-92) - Additional programs that could be implemented by the State Hospital and alternative uses for the facilities of the State Hospital (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p>
4019	Study medical and financial privacy laws in this state, the effectiveness of medical and financial privacy laws in other states, the interaction of federal and state medical and financial privacy laws, and whether current medical and financial privacy protections meet the reasonable expectations of the citizens of North Dakota	<p>NOTE</p> <p>SB 2191 (2001) relates to the release of information by a financial institution to a nonaffiliated third party.</p> <p>HB 1233 (2001) relates to the release of medical records by health insurance companies to insurers.</p> <p>HB 1234 (2001) relates to the release of medical records from a medical provider to another medical provider.</p> <p>HCR 3008 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have amended the Constitution of North Dakota to provide for a right of individual privacy.</p> <p>SB 2155 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have provided for privacy of an individual's medical information.</p> <p>SB 2156 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have provided for privacy of an individual's personal financial information.</p>

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		<p>HB 1447 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have provided for consumer privacy protection information in financial institution records.</p>
4020	Study state employee compensation and benefit levels	<p>NOTE NDCC § 54-06-25 establishes the State Employees Compensation Commission, which is to make recommendations on appropriate levels of state employee compensation and fringe benefits.</p> <p>HB 1119 (2001) and HB 1120 (2001) establish programs for state employee bonuses and recruiting and retention.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES SB 2015 (1999) - The establishment of agency performance incentive pilot programs; how agencies could develop, implement, administer, maintain, and evaluate these pilot programs; and the development of personnel policies and procedure manuals and how pay raises that may not be across the board are to be awarded as a reward and incentive for superior performance and the length of time they may be in effect (Not given priority)</p> <p>HB 1015 (1997-98) - Public employee health insurance benefits (Employee Benefits Programs Committee)</p> <p>Report to Budget Section (1995-96) - SB 2027 (1995) required the Workers Compensation Bureau to report regarding the expenditure of the 1995-97 biennium appropriation of \$350,000 for critical salary adjustments.</p> <p>SCR 4065 (1995) - The state employee classification system and the benefits provided to state employees (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4003 (1993) - Monitor the implementation of the total quality management initiative by the Department of Human Services (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4055 (1991-92) - State institution and agency pay practices (Budget Committee on Government Administration)</p>
4027	Study the prices for prescription drugs and possible mechanisms to lower those costs to consumers and the state, and whether the state should establish a program to assist in the purchase of prescription drugs based upon income	<p>NOTE HB 1116 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have authorized the Department of Human Services to require prior authorization before providing medical assistance for medical treatment and prescription drugs.</p> <p>HB 1382 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have provided an income tax credit for prescription drugs and insulin.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES HCR 3070 (1999-2000) - Health care access, quality, and cost to determine essential health care services, critical providers, and access sites, and to identify geographic, demographic, and economic issues relating to health care (Budget Committee on Health Care)</p>

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		<p>HCR 3033 (1997-98) - The effects of managed health care on the future viability of the health care delivery system in rural North Dakota (Insurance and Health Care Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4061 (1993-94) - Feasibility and desirability of pooling all sources of funding for health care benefits in conjunction with the study by the North Dakota Health Task Force in exploring the control of costs and the redistribution of dollars toward improved access to services through a health care reimbursement system (Health and Communications Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3010 (1991-92) - The need for and feasibility of adopting and implementing a state health policy for the purpose of providing basic medical and health care to all citizens of the state (Health Care Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4002 (1991-92) - Feasibility and ramifications of adopting and implementing a state-subsidized health insurance program for uninsured and underinsured residents (Health Care Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4051 (1991-92) - Feasibility of providing basic statewide health and work-related accident insurance for all North Dakota workers and their dependents (Industry, Business, and Labor Committee)</p>
4031	Study the state corporate income tax laws	<p>PRIOR STUDIES</p> <p>HCR 3045 (1993-94) - The tax structure, particularly the balance among the various tax systems in North Dakota (Taxation Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3015 (1993-94) - Tax preferences under existing law, with emphasis on prevention of unfair competitive advantages to entities receiving tax preferences (Taxation Committee)</p>
4032	Study the feasibility and desirability of exempting funds set aside in a trust for a child's education when determining the child's eligibility for certain human services programs	<p>PRIOR STUDIES</p> <p>SB 2012 (1999-2000) - The services provided by human service centers, including the appropriateness and justification for continuing human service center programs, the cost/benefit of human service programs, methods for evaluating the effectiveness and outcomes of human service center programs, and the need to establish priorities relating to human service center programs (Budget Committee on Human Services)</p> <p>HB 1012 (1997-98) - North Dakota's welfare reform implementation efforts to determine the effectiveness of welfare reform (Welfare Reform Committee)</p> <p>HB 1226 (1997-98) - The temporary assistance for needy families program (Welfare Reform Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4066 (1991-92) - The human services system (Budget Committee on Human Services)</p>
4033	Study the commitment procedures for individuals with mental illness	<p>PRIOR STUDIES</p> <p>SB 2012 (1999) - Community services provided for the seriously mentally ill, including human service center services and the number of clients served (Not given priority)</p> <p>SCR 4001 (1997-98) - Monitor mental health and foster care services (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p>

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		<p>HB 1050 (1995-96) - Feasibility and desirability of requiring mental health services and alcohol and drug addiction related services to be included as health insurance covered services (Insurance and Health Care Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3008 (1995-96) - Feasibility and desirability of implementing recommendations by the North Dakota Health Task Force for improving the health status of North Dakotans, monitor the rate of health care cost increases, review the impact of newly enacted programs to improve the health status of North Dakotans and address unmet medical needs in rural areas (Insurance and Health Care Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4030 (1995-96) - Continuum of care for North Dakotans with Alzheimer's and related dementias and the needs of caregivers and families of patients with Alzheimer's and related dementias (Budget Committee on Home and Community Care)</p> <p>SCR 4058 (1995-96) - Feasibility and desirability of providing out-of-home mental health services to severely emotionally disabled children without requiring the relinquishment of custody by parents (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p> <p>HCR 3002 (1995-96) - Monitor the continued development of a continuum of services for the mentally ill and chemically dependent and the changes in the role of the State Hospital and expanded community services, including psychosocial clubs and the clubhouse project (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p> <p>HCR 3057 (1993-94) - The problems and resources available to meet the needs of North Dakota youth ages 17 through 21 who are released from the state foster care or court system (Budget Committee on Youth Services)</p> <p>HB 1002 (1993-94) - Department of Human Services reported to the Legislative Council's interim Budget Committee on Government Services in 1994 on the effectiveness of the clubhouse model program.</p> <p>SB 2016 (1993-94) - Children and youth services in the state (Budget Committee on Youth Services)</p> <p>SCR 4055 (1993-94) - The provision of services for children, including services related to child care, education, health, corrections, and foster care (Budget Committee on Youth Services)</p> <p>SCR 4002 (1993-94) - Monitor the continued development of a continuum of services for the mentally ill and chemically dependent, including changes in the role of the State Hospital, expanded community services, and the development of partnerships between the public and private sectors (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p> <p>SCR 4058 (1993) - The programming offered at the State Hospital and the relationship of the programming to the community-based services offered throughout the state, and to include in the study an audit of the admissions procedures of the State Hospital (Not given priority)</p> <p>HCR 3001 (1991-92) - Monitor the continued development of a continuum of services for the mentally ill and chemically dependent, including expanded community services and related changes in the role of the State Hospital (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p>

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		<p>SCR 4065 (1991-92) - Additional programs that could be implemented by the State Hospital and alternative uses for the facilities of the State Hospital (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p> <p>HCR 3054 (1991-92) - Current and future role of the North Dakota early childhood tracking system (Special Education Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4053 (1991-92) - Feasibility and desirability of the Department of Human Services contracting with the private sector for the treatment of alcohol and drug dependent persons (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p>
4034	Study the issues and concerns of implementing charitable choice, the privatization of federally funded welfare services through faith-based organizations	<p>PRIOR STUDIES</p> <p>SB 2012 (1999-2000) - The services provided by human service centers, including the appropriateness and justification for continuing human service center programs, the cost/benefit of human service programs, methods for evaluating the effectiveness and outcomes of human service center programs, and the need to establish priorities relating to human service center programs (Budget Committee on Human Services)</p> <p>SB 2012 (1999) - The services provided by the state in its medical assistance program, including optional medical assistance services and the impact to the state and its citizens of providing those services (Not given priority)</p> <p>HB 1012 (1997-98) - North Dakota's welfare reform implementation efforts to determine the effectiveness of welfare reform (Welfare Reform Committee)</p> <p>HB 1226 (1997-98) - The temporary assistance for needy families program (Welfare Reform Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3032 (1997-98) - The responsibilities of county social services as they are distinguished from the responsibilities of regional human service centers and the Department of Human Services when providing services to children and their families and persons with disabilities, including the elderly (Budget Committee on Human Services)</p> <p>HCR 3045 (1995-96) - The responsibilities of county social services agencies as they are distinguished from the responsibilities of regional human service centers and the Department of Human Services (Budget Committee on Human Services)</p> <p>SCR 4057 (1991-92) - The state's basic care program, including defining the services to be provided (Budget Committee on Long-Term Care)</p> <p>SCR 4066 (1991-92) - The human services system (Budget Committee on Human Services)</p> <p>SCR 4003 (1991-92) - Feasibility and desirability of the privatization of some state government services (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p>
4038	Study the benefits and risks associated with the use of contracts in agricultural production, including	<p>NOTE</p> <p>HB 1442 (2001) provides the procedure to be followed if there is patent infringement with respect to a crop grown from genetically modified seed.</p>

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	growing and sales provisions, labor arrangements, chemical usage, and provisions necessitated by emerging technologies	<p>SB 2216 (2001) removes the expiration date governing the Agricultural Mediation Service.</p> <p>SB 2145 (2001), which failed to pass the Senate, would have regulated contracts between agricultural producers and contractors.</p> <p>HB 1286 (2001), which failed to pass the House, would have provided for inspections of any agricultural product imported into this state from another country if the selling price of the product to a purchaser in this state is lower than the selling price of the product to purchasers in the exporting country.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES HCR 3045 (1999-2000) - Grain credit-sale contracts to determine the need to provide protection for farmers against grain warehouse and grain buyer insolvency (Agriculture Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4031 (1993-94) - Problems relating to the use of contracts for the sale of agricultural commodities (Agriculture Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4056 (1991) - Problems relating to the sale of agricultural commodities (Not given priority)</p>
4042	Study the feasibility and desirability of a centralized process for administering noncriminal traffic violations	<p>PRIOR STUDIES SCR 4006 (1999-2000) - State agency office space needs to determine the feasibility and desirability of transferring state agencies or state employees to rural areas (Budget Committee on Government Services)</p> <p>HCR 3067 (1999-2000) - Review and monitor the implementation of legislation enacted by the 56th Legislative Assembly which provides for the delivery of clerk of district court services through state funding and alternative methods (Judiciary Committee)</p> <p>HB 1002 (1999-2000) - The impacts of court unification on the judicial system and on the effective provision of judicial services to state residents (Judiciary Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3001 (1997-98) - Feasibility and desirability of funding the office of the clerk of district court through the unified judicial system (Judiciary Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4045 (1997-98) - State funding of the office of clerk of district court, the issues and problems associated with the continued implementation of court unification, and the effective provision of judicial services to the citizens of this state (Judiciary Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3005 (1995-96) - Problems associated with the unification of the state's judicial system into a single court of general jurisdiction, with emphasis on a review of venue statutes (Judiciary Committee)</p> <p>HB 1002 (1995-96) - The unified court system with emphasis on the distribution of court revenues (Budget Committee on Government Finance)</p> <p>SCR 4005 (1993-94) - Problems associated with the unification of the state's judicial system into a single trial court of general jurisdiction (Court Services Committee)</p> <p>HCR 3046 (1991-92) - Problems associated with unification of the state's judicial system into a one-level trial system (Court Services Committee)</p>

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		<p>SCR 4043 (1991-92) - Review and monitor the implementation of legislation establishing a single trial court of general jurisdiction (Court Services Committee)</p>
4043	Study the feasibility and desirability of promoting carbon sequestration programs in this state	<p>NOTE HB 1467 (1997) imposed a sales tax on coal from out-of-state mines burned in North Dakota conversion facilities. The 1997 law was declared unconstitutional and House Bill No. 1454 (1999) was enacted in its place to impose a sales tax on coal. House Bill No. 1015 (1999) appropriated \$500,000 to the Industrial Commission for an independent, nonmatching lignite marketing feasibility study and environmental studies on marketing of lignite-based electricity and byproducts. During the 1997-98 interim, the Legislative Council and the North Dakota Lignite Energy Council jointly funded a consultant study received in August 1998 and entitled <i>Competition in ND's Coal-Electric Utility Industry: Lignite v. Subbituminous Coal</i>.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES HCR 3049 (1999-2000) - Taxation and regulatory incentives for the lignite industry in order to improve its competitive position in the energy marketplace and to identify federal and international impediments to development of the lignite industry and potential state actions to address such impediments (Taxation Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4050 (1997-98) - Taxation and regulatory incentives for the lignite industry in order to improve its competitive position in the energy marketplace (Taxation Committee)</p> <p>SCR 4056 (1993-94) - Tax, regulatory, marketing, and other business incentives that can be enacted by the state to maintain and encourage development of our state's abundant lignite resources (Jobs Development Commission)</p> <p>HCR 3061 (1991) - The need for a long-term energy policy for North Dakota (Not given priority)</p>
4046	Study issues related to the Missouri River in this state	<p>NOTE NDCC § 54-35-02.7 provides that the Legislative Council's Garrison Diversion Overview Committee is responsible for legislative overview of the Garrison Diversion Project and related matters and for any necessary discussions with adjacent states on water-related topics. The Garrison Diversion Overview Committee studied issues related to the Missouri River during the 1999-2000 legislative interim and made no recommendations concerning the study. Issues related to the Missouri River are stream bank erosion and bank stabilization; the United States Army Corps of Engineers <i>Master Manual</i>; and land and natural resource issues, water management, land use, and development of a long-range vision for the Missouri River in North Dakota.</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES SCR 4027 (1999-2000) - Issues related to the Missouri River in North Dakota (Garrison Diversion Overview Committee)</p>

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4049	Study limiting actions for lead-based paint claims	<p>NOTE SB 2124 (2001) requires the State Department of Health to establish a program for implementing lead-based paint remediation training, certification, and performance requirements; requires the department to establish standards and procedures for the licensing of contractors and the certification of lead-based paint workers engaging in the abatement of lead-based paint; and requires the department to establish performance standards for lead-based paint abatement</p> <p>PRIOR STUDIES HCR 3066 (1993-94) - Products liability statutes as they relate to the aircraft industry (Jobs Development Commission)</p> <p>SCR 4065 (1985-86) - Comparative negligence laws and their interaction with the products liability, strict liability, and workmen's compensation laws in light of recent North Dakota Supreme Court decisions (Judicial Process Committee)</p>