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Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

Introduced by

    Legislative Council

    (Child Support Committee)

`HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3005`
`with Senate Amendments`

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1   A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability

2   of facilitating pro se representation in domestic relations matters.

3   **WHEREAS**, more than one-half of all actions filed in district courts involve domestic

4   relations cases, including child support order modification proceedings and visitation

5   enforcement proceedings; and

6   **WHEREAS**, legal expenses associated with even the most basic of child support

7   modification proceedings and visitation enforcement proceedings make these proceedings

8   cost-prohibitive for most people; and

9   **WHEREAS**, many low-income persons must rely on legal aid offices, child support

10   enforcement units, or attorneys willing to do pro bono domestic relations cases for legal

11   services; and

12   **WHEREAS**, legal aid offices, child support enforcement units, and pro bono attorneys

13   have limited resources to assist persons in domestic relations matters; and

14   **WHEREAS**, there is a presumption that application of the child support guidelines

15   results in the proper amount of child support, and it is usually in a child's best interests to have

16   a relationship with both parents; and

17   **WHEREAS**, lack of ability to pay for legal services may result in persons failing to seek

18   modification of child support orders and enforcement of visitation;

19   **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

20   **OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

21   That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of facilitating pro se

22   representation in domestic relations matters; and

23   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and

24   recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to

25   the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly.