

**Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3016
(Representatives S. Kelsh, Jensen)
(Senators Fischer, Lee, T. Mathern)**

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the qualifications, standards, and the monitoring requirements for guardianship services for incapacitated persons.

WHEREAS, the Guardianship Association of North Dakota has been formed; and

WHEREAS, a 1996 study of guardianship needs conducted by the Bush Foundation and the Aging Services Division of the North Dakota Department of Human Services determined that a large number of incapacitated persons in the state are in need of guardianship services; and

WHEREAS, there is an insufficient number of qualified and available guardians in the state to handle the complex needs of incapacitated persons; and

WHEREAS, many family members of incapacitated persons are unable to be guardians due to distance and other factors; and

WHEREAS, demographic projections for North Dakota indicate significant increases in the number of elderly persons who will be in need of a range of services;

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

That the Legislative Council study the qualifications, standards, and the monitoring requirements for guardianship services for incapacitated persons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study include an examination of other states' qualifications, standards, and monitoring requirements for guardianship services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1999,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State