

Fifty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3011

Introduced by

Representative Sveen

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study state agency office space
2 needs to determine the feasibility and desirability of transferring state agencies or state
3 employees to rural areas.

4 **WHEREAS**, the state of North Dakota rents office space in Bismarck for several of its
5 agencies and institutions; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the state should periodically evaluate office space needs and the cost of
7 renting office space; and

8 **WHEREAS**, technological advances allow employees to conduct their work from offices
9 outside the capitol building, including offices in rural areas where building rents may be less
10 expensive; and

11 **WHEREAS**, by transferring state offices to rural areas where there exists an available
12 work force and a lower cost of living, the state could revitalize the economies and tax bases of
13 rural communities while bringing government closer to the people; and

14 **WHEREAS**, by transferring state offices to rural areas on an incremental basis, the
15 state could lessen any negative impact on state employees working in Bismarck;

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

18 That the Legislative Council study state agency office space needs to determine the
19 feasibility and desirability of transferring state agencies or state employees to rural areas; and

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