

**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. 3011  
(Representative Sveen)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999,  
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Secretary of State