

Introduced by

1 A concurrent resolution authorizing the Budget Section of the Legislative Council to hold the
2 required legislative hearings on state plans for the receipt and expenditure of new or revised
3 block grants passed by Congress.

4 **WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States enacted the Omnibus Budget
5 Reconciliation Act of 1981, creating the community services block grant program; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly is required to conduct public hearings; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Appropriations Committees have met the public hearing requirement for
8 community services block grant moneys expected for the next biennium by the Department of
9 Commerce; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly cannot hold public hearings on
11 revisions to current block grants or additional block grants that may be approved by Congress
12 after the recess or adjournment of the Legislative Assembly; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly will not meet in regular session during 2004 and
14 thus its public hearing responsibility for grants not approved by the Fifty-eighth Legislative
15 Assembly must be delegated to a legislative entity;

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

18 That the Department of Commerce appropriations bill enacted by the Legislative
19 Assembly is the Legislative Assembly's approval of and contains directions regarding the use of
20 community services block grants moneys for the period ending September 30, 2005; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Budget Section of the Legislative Council may
22 hold the public legislative hearings required for the receipt of additional block grants or other
23 federal moneys under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 or other relevant federal
24 statutes; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the authority granted by this resolution is in effect
- 2 during the period from the recess or adjournment of the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly
- 3 through September 30, 2005, and the Budget Section may provide public notice and hold the
- 4 hearings authorized by this resolution using the methods and procedures it deems appropriate.