

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3013

**(Representatives DeKrey, Dahl, Delmore)
(Senators Fiebiger, Hacker, Nelson)**

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study statutes and institutional resources relating to the domestic violence protection order process, including criminal cases for alleged violation of protection orders.

WHEREAS, a recent study conducted by a Supreme Court advisory group revealed significant questions about whether current statutes governing the domestic violence protection order process adequately fulfill their intended purpose; and

WHEREAS, there are concerns that imbalances exist in institutional and other resources available to parties to the protection order process to the extent that an equitable resolution of issues may be compromised; and

WHEREAS, the manner in which services are provided to parties to a domestic violence protection order proceeding has not been the subject of recent study to determine whether current statutes are adequately implemented; and

WHEREAS, issues concerning the civil protection order process also extend to statutes and processes governing criminal cases for alleged violation of protection orders;

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

That the Legislative Council study statutes and institutional resources relating to the domestic violence protection order process, including criminal cases for alleged violation of protection orders; 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 Sixty-first Legislative Assembly.