

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Senator Mathern

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study mass, public, and special
2 needs transportation, including the creation of local passenger rail transportation and bus
3 transportation within this state.

4 **WHEREAS**, the cost of transportation by automobile has greatly increased due to the
5 increase in the price of petroleum products; and

6 **WHEREAS**, passenger rail and bus provide a fuel-efficient transportation system,
7 helping to reduce America's dependence on foreign oil; and

8 **WHEREAS**, shifting transportation to mass and public transportation will lessen the
9 burden of transportation on the overstressed highway system infrastructure in this state; and

10 **WHEREAS**, there are individuals with disabilities that raise barriers to transportation
11 and who have special transportation needs that may be met with a voucher program; and

12 **WHEREAS**, this state is a member of the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact,
13 the purpose of which is to promote passenger rail service in the Midwest, and an effort to
14 combine a seamless local rail and bus transportation system with a regional system would
15 provide an energy-efficient and cost-effective means of travel throughout the region and,
16 combined with the Amtrak system, throughout the nation;

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

19 That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly directs the Legislative Council to study mass,
20 public, and special needs transportation, including the creation of local passenger rail
21 transportation and bus transportation within this state; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
23 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
24 the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly.