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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study whether political
2 subdivisions can become more efficient and effective to reduce costs to taxpayers.

3 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota ranks first among states in the number of local government
4 elected officials and units of local government; and

5 **WHEREAS**, on the basis of governmental units per 10,000 population, North Dakota has
6 over six times the governmental units of Minnesota, over three times the governmental units of
7 Montana, and almost two times the governmental units of South Dakota; and

8 **WHEREAS**, an appropriate balance must be determined between the desire for
9 accessibility of local government and the cost taxpayers are willing to bear to maintain the
10 current level of governmental units and officials; and

11 **WHEREAS**, local government representatives should have a forum to suggest measures to
12 make local government more efficient and effective to reduce costs to taxpayers;

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

15 That the Legislative Management study whether political subdivisions can become more
16 efficient and effective to reduce costs to taxpayers; and

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and
18 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
19 the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly.