

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the statutory and
2 regulatory requirements placed on North Dakota state government agencies by United States
3 government agencies as a condition of the receipt of federal funding to determine whether there
4 are viable options to meet the needs of our state without having the federal government's
5 oversight and involvement, which state needs can be met if federal funding associated with
6 undesirable regulation or excessive direct and indirect costs are refused, and whether the
7 federal fiscal impact is a significant and necessary factor in assenting to the continuance of
8 federal government involvement in the state's management processes.

9 **WHEREAS**, the budget surplus and strong economic vitality of the state has placed North
10 Dakota in a position in which the state can potentially tend to more of its needs independent of
11 sometimes onerous federal statutory and regulatory requirements and the oversights and
12 controls placed on state agencies as a condition of receipt of federal funding; and

13 **WHEREAS**, a tenet of fiscal responsibility is to take care of one's own needs as much as
14 possible with one's own resources before seeking assistance from outside sources; and

15 **WHEREAS**, state agencies have demonstrated the ability to take care of the state's needs
16 much more efficiently and effectively when allowed to do so with minimal control and oversight
17 from the federal government; and

18 **WHEREAS**, federal debts and deficits are at levels that are unsustainable and are placing a
19 tremendous burden on our future generations; and

20 **WHEREAS**, we have a responsibility to do what we can in this state to reduce the burdens
21 we place on the federal budget wherever possible while still seeing to the needs of our state
22 and its citizens;

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

1 That the Legislative Management study the statutory and regulatory requirements placed
2 on North Dakota state government agencies by United States government agencies as a
3 condition of the receipt of federal funding to determine whether there are viable options to
4 meet the needs of our state without having the federal government's oversight and
5 involvement, which state needs can be met if federal funding associated with undesirable
6 regulation or excessive direct and indirect costs are refused, and whether the federal fiscal
7 impact is a significant and necessary factor in assenting to the continuance of federal
8 government involvement in the state's management processes; and

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