

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4055

Introduced by

Senator Andrist

Political Subdivisions Committee

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the potential for expansion of
2 extended area telecommunications service.

3 **WHEREAS**, rural communities and schools in those communities are frequently
4 restrained by the lack of toll-free telephone lines used for Internet access; and

5 **WHEREAS**, there appears to be a shortage of extended area service opportunities to
6 residents in rural areas; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the loss of businesses and services in rural communities makes rural
8 residents ever more dependent on long-distance service to communicate for their essential
9 needs; and

10 **WHEREAS**, an alternative to current service is a tiered system providing add-ons to
11 basic telephone service;

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

14 That the Legislative Council study the potential for expansion of extended area
15 telecommunications service; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
17 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
18 the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.