

Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3045
(Representatives Berg, Dorso)
(Senator G. Nelson)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the current budget process, the results of the program performance-based budgeting pilot projects, and budget reforms in other states.

WHEREAS, our budgeting process is intended to identify the needs of the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, other states use budgeting methods that include performance reviews to evaluate proposed budgets; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of this state would benefit from implementation of a budgeting method that encourages and results in focusing agency direction while allowing financial flexibility in order to meet agency objectives;

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

That the Legislative Council study the current budget process including its advantages and disadvantages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study review the results of the program performance-based budgeting pilot project and budgeting reforms in other states; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study review how agency and institution appropriation balances at the end of a biennium should be handled; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study determine the benefits that new information technology could provide in budget development and budget presentation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study include consideration of the effect of budget recommendations on future biennial budgets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study include a review of the detailed information supporting agency budget requests and the executive recommendation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study include a review of alternative budgeting methods that use performance reviews to evaluate proposed agency budgets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee work closely with the Office of Management and Budget and the State Auditor; 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 Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1997,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State