

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study passenger rail service
2 within the state, including options for the implementation of a passenger rail service route in the
3 southern part of the state.

4 **WHEREAS**, the cost of transportation by automobile is unpredictable due to the volatility in
5 the price of petroleum products; and

6 **WHEREAS**, passenger rail provides a more fuel-efficient and cleaner transportation
7 system; and

8 **WHEREAS**, passenger rail service is important for citizens who have limited public
9 transportation options; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the North Coast Hiawatha passenger rail route ceased operation through
11 southern North Dakota in 1979; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the federal Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 provided
13 for a federal study of the feasibility of reinstating the North Coast Hiawatha passenger rail route;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, this state is a member of the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact, the
16 purpose of which is to promote passenger rail service in the Midwest;

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

19 That the Legislative Management study passenger rail service in the state, including options
20 for implementing passenger rail service in the southern part of the state; and

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