A BILL for an Act to provide appropriations to the North Dakota state university extension service and to the department of human services; to provide for the establishment of a caregiver resource center website; and to provide for a report.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE - PILOT PROJECT FOR CAREGIVER TRAINING. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $197,580, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the North Dakota state university extension service for the purpose of establishing a pilot project to expand local training programs to include family caregiver training, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019. The funding provided in this section is considered a one-time funding item.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - LIFESPAN RESPITE CARE PROGRAM. There is appropriated from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, the sum of $200,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of administering a lifespan respite care program, including public information about the program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

SECTION 3. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - CAREGIVER RESOURCE CENTER WEBSITE. The department of human services shall establish and promote a caregiver resource center website for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - SERVICE PAYMENTS FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED SLIDING FEE SCALE. There is appropriated out
of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of
$1,535,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services
for the purpose of providing an inflationary adjustment to the service payments for elderly and
disabled program sliding fee schedule be commensurate with provider inflationary increases
since 2009, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019.

SECTION 5. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES -
REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT. The department of human services shall review
services and related funding provided within its long-term care division for the 2015-17 and
2017-19 bienniums. The department of human services shall report to the legislative
management during the 2017-18 interim on the levels of funding provided for and spent on
nursing home services and home- and community-based services by program during these time
periods and shall provide recommendations on options to increase the number and level of
services and funding provided for home- and community-based services for the 2019-21
biennium.