

Introduced by

Representatives Vetter, Blum, Ertelt

Senator Meyer

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying issues of
2 fairness and equity as they relate to child support guidelines and the obligor model.

3 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota law provides both parents have a mutual duty to support a child
4 of the parents; and

5 **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of a child to be supported emotionally, physically, and
6 financially by both parents, regardless of the marital status of the parents; and

7 **WHEREAS**, more than a quarter of the children in North Dakota live in single-parent
8 households; and

9 **WHEREAS**, concerns have been expressed the child support guidelines do not adequately
10 recognize child support caps and as a result some child support payments are excessive and
11 result in providing support to the obligee instead of to the child; and

12 **WHEREAS**, concerns have been expressed there are inequities in the child support
13 guidelines and child support obligor model as they relate to children and obligors; and

14 **WHEREAS**, although the Legislative Management has studied the issue of child support
15 guidelines and the obligor model in the past, including during the 1991-92, 1997-98, and
16 2009-10 interims, these studies have not adequately addressed these concerns regarding the
17 child support guidelines and child support model;

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

20 That the Legislative Management consider studying issues of fairness and equity as they
21 relate to child support guidelines and the obligor model; and

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