

**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. 3046  
(Representatives Berg, Belter)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the availability of affordable housing for middle income households, for the elderly, and in rural areas of this state.

**WHEREAS**, the 1995-96 interim Legislative Council study of funding to provide housing for low-income, homeless, or disabled families resulted only in a recommendation concerning zoning restrictions; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for home financing programs geared to provide assistance to individuals who do not qualify for either low-income programs or conventional financing; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a special demand for housing due to the increasing elderly population of this state; and

**WHEREAS**, some rural communities in this state are growing and are not able to meet the demand for housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the ability of rural communities to attract private home construction at an affordable price is hampered by the differential between the construction cost and the appraised value; and

**WHEREAS**, there are multiple agencies and organizations that provide housing and home financing, but there is no single agency to coordinate housing activities;

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

That the Legislative Council study the availability of affordable housing for middle income households, for the elderly, and in rural areas of this state; 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.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Secretary of State