

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3002
(Legislative Council)
(Budget Committee on Long-Term Care)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study American Indian long-term care and case management needs, access to appropriate services, and the functional relationship between state service units and the North Dakota American Indian reservation service systems.

WHEREAS, the 1995-96 Task Force on Long-Term Care Planning reported that in the area of long-term care service inventory, distribution, and alternatives, long-term care services within North Dakota American Indian service areas and reservations vary widely, ranging from a nursing facility that is not owned or operated by a tribe to unlicensed facilities and home-based care provided under several entitlement programs; and

WHEREAS, coordination and application of various American Indian long-term care programs and service components are directed by tribal policy and organizational structure; and

WHEREAS, various noninstitutional care components appear to be available on reservations, but service arrangement and delivery may not be adequately coordinated and case management services for elderly reservation residents, if available, could result in a significant increase in the effectiveness of service delivery for that population; and

WHEREAS, during the 1997-98 interim, the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health formed a Task Force on Long-Term Care Planning to study American Indian long-term care and case management needs, access to services, and the functional relationship between state service units and American Indian reservation service systems; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force on Long-Term Care Planning was unable to establish a subcommittee, composed of representatives from each North Dakota American Indian reservation, to carry out these provisions during the 1997-98 interim; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force on Long-Term Care Planning has determined that a separate working group needs to be established on each reservation in order to successfully carry out these provisions;

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

That the Legislative Council study American Indian long-term care and case management needs, access to appropriate services, and the functional relationship between state service units and the North Dakota American Indian reservation service systems; 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-seventh 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 _____, 1999,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State