

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability
2 of creating cost-sharing or funding mechanisms for the unexpected discovery of cultural or
3 paleontological resources within local road projects.

4 **WHEREAS**, the unexpected discovery of cultural or paleontological resources after a
5 local road project has begun can create an enormous fiscal burden on the local road authority;
6 and

7 **WHEREAS**, the local road authority has almost no control over the extent of
8 investigation that results and has few options except termination or redesign of the project upon
9 discovery of unexpected cultural or paleontological resources; and

10 **WHEREAS**, a cost-sharing or funding mechanism including appropriate state agencies
11 and the local road authority would diffuse the risk of unexpectedly discovering cultural or
12 paleontological resources;

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

15 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of creating cost-sharing
16 or funding mechanisms for the unexpected discovery of cultural or paleontological resources
17 within local road projects; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
19 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
20 the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.