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1 A concurrent resolution requesting the Legislative Management to study traffic fines and
2 penalties imposed by state and local governments, including implementation of methods and
3 mechanisms to improve traffic safety, decrease motor vehicle crashes, fatalities, and injuries,
4 and discourage impaired driving, speeding, distracted driving, and lack of seatbelt use in North
5 Dakota.

6 **WHEREAS**, there are more than 15,000 vehicle crashes in North Dakota each year
7 resulting in fatalities, injuries, and property damage; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 2016, 113 people died on North Dakota roads; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 2016, males aged 18 to 34 accounted for 36 percent of all unbelted crash
10 fatalities, 44 percent of drivers in speed-related fatal crashes, and 44 percent of impaired
11 drivers involved in fatal crashes; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the vast majority of motor vehicle fatalities in North Dakota are the result of
13 driver behavior including impaired driving, speed, distracted driving, and lack of seatbelt use;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 3,477 people
16 nationwide were killed and an estimated 391,000 were injured in motor vehicle crashes
17 involving distracted drivers in 2015; and

18 **WHEREAS**, speed or driving too fast for conditions is a factor in about one-third of fatal
19 crashes in North Dakota each year.

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

22 That during the 2019-20 interim, the Legislative Management shall consider studying the
23 traffic fines and penalties imposed by state and local governments. The study must include a
24 comprehensive assessment and review of North Dakota's traffic fines, fees, and penalty
25 statutes and compare them with the fines, fees, and penalties of other states; and include an

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- 1 analytical evaluation of methods to improve traffic safety, decrease motor vehicle crashes,
- 2 fatalities, and injuries, and discourage impaired driving, speeding, distracted driving, and lack of
- 3 seatbelt use in North Dakota; and
- 4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and
- 5 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendation, to
- 6 the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly.