Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4001
(Legislative Management)
(Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the financial reports required by law to be compiled and filed by political subdivisions to determine whether they are being used to full advantage and whether they should be improved, consolidated, or eliminated.

WHEREAS, political subdivisions are required by law to compile and file with state agencies a substantial array of financial reports and to commit a significant amount of staff time to fulfilling this responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent in requiring financial reports is to provide transparency in local government taxation and budget matters to inform the public and serve as a basis for state policy decisions but questions exist about whether the currently required financial reports are serving the intended purposes and whether duplication of information reporting imposes an unnecessary burden on local government staff; and

WHEREAS, one of the difficulties of comparing financial reports is that there is no uniform accounting method among political subdivisions and a method of making financial information available at a central source has not been fully implemented;

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

That the Legislative Management study the financial reports required by law to be compiled and filed by political subdivisions to determine whether they are being used to full advantage and whether they should be improved, consolidated, or eliminated; and

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this 19th day of March, 2015,
at 2:29 o'clock P M.

Secretary of State