

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3030
(Representatives Boschee, Brandenburg, Davis, Kempenich, Meier, Mitskog, Nelson)
(Senators Kreun, Mathern)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying homelessness and barriers to housing, including consideration of the effectiveness of the RentHelp program; the provision of housing financial support; legal assistance programs available to tenants; state, local, or federal educational programs for tenants and landlords regarding rights and responsibilities; month-to-month eviction rates by human service zone area; definitions of homelessness or homeless rates used by government entities; barriers to accessing housing; the manner in which homeless children receive services; historical rates of homelessness; and how a community based approach to homelessness may reduce rates of homelessness.

WHEREAS, in 2022, 5,622 people experienced homelessness in North Dakota, 1,341 of whom were under the age of 19; and

WHEREAS, 610 people in the state were identified as homeless in one night in a 2022 Point-in-Time count; and

WHEREAS, the state does not have an entity designated to provide assistance to renters to navigate leases; and

WHEREAS, the state received an estimated \$363.7 million in COVID-19 relief funds to provide housing, rent, homelessness, and utility support to North Dakotans; and

WHEREAS, there are multiple barriers that may impact an individual's ability to rent or own a home;

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

That the Legislative Management consider studying homelessness and barriers to housing, including consideration of the effectiveness of the RentHelp program; the provision of housing financial support; legal assistance programs available to tenants; state, local, or federal educational programs for tenants and landlords regarding rights and responsibilities; month-to-month eviction rates by human service zone area; definitions of homelessness or homeless rates used by government entities; barriers to accessing housing; the manner in which homeless children receive services; historical rates of homelessness; and how a community based approach to homelessness may reduce rates of homelessness; 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-ninth Legislative Assembly.

Dennis E. Johnson
Speaker of the House

Bull J. Reich
Chief Clerk of the House

Tammy J. Miller
President of the Senate

Handy Morgan
Secretary of the Senate

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at 9:43 o'clock A. M.

Michael Howe
Secretary of State