

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying accessible
2 transportation in the state for older adults and individuals with disabilities.

3 **WHEREAS**, older adults and individuals with disabilities can achieve greater freedom when
4 those individuals have full access to a variety of transit modes; and

5 **WHEREAS**, expanded access allows mobility and independence in the daily lives of an
6 older adult or an individual with disabilities, but this only can be achieved when the pathways to
7 transit, the infrastructure, and conditions in the built environment, allow full access to transit
8 stops, stations, and vehicles; and

9 **WHEREAS**, since passage of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990, many
10 transit agencies and governmental jurisdictions throughout the nation have made significant
11 progress in providing accessible transportation, but making additional improvements and
12 expanding accessible transportation is imperative to achieve full access and the mobility
13 afforded by that access;

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

16 That the Legislative Management consider studying accessible transportation for older
17 adults and individuals with disabilities in the state; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the study include evaluating statewide challenges to system
19 services and barriers to expanding the state's accessible transportation infrastructure,
20 examining the fiscal impact of providing accessible transportation, assessing the effective
21 long-term modification of funding formulas to support accessible transportation, and evaluating
22 modifications to anticipate the responsibilities of public entities under the federal Americans with
23 Disabilities Act; and

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