

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4016
(Senators Magrum, Weston)
(Representatives Hoverson, S. Olson)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the availability of adequately accessible housing in the state for individuals with mobility impairments or physical disabilities.

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act aimed to secure equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency for individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the availability of accessible housing plays a key role in furthering the goal of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which has become increasingly important as the nation's population ages; and

WHEREAS, the majority of homes are not fully accessible, with less than 5 percent of homes having the features needed to accommodate an individual with moderate mobility difficulties, and an even smaller percentage meeting the requirements for wheelchair accessibility; and

WHEREAS, the existing inventory of homes is not well equipped to accommodate people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the need for accessible housing likely will become more acute as the number of older Americans who have both ambulatory limitations and a desire to age-in-place grows;

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

That the Legislative Management consider studying the availability of adequately accessible housing in the state for individuals with mobility impairments or physical disabilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the study include evaluating statewide challenges and barriers to expanding the state's inventory of accessible housing, assessing the need for and availability of accessible housing for individuals with mobility impairments or physical disabilities, and evaluating the effective, long-term home modifications that could support and increase the availability of accessible homes; 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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2023,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State