

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the factors
2 contributing to the nation's firearm and ammunition shortage and the impact the shortage has
3 had on the quality of life for North Dakota citizens.

4 **WHEREAS**, the firearm and ammunition inventory of wholesalers and distributors, which is
5 at a historic low, is not due to a shortage in materials; and

6 **WHEREAS**, while firearm and ammunition retailers, wholesalers, and distributors had piles
7 of inventory in January 2020, by December 2020, the same racks and shelves were empty; and

8 **WHEREAS**, with an election year that has had significant consequences for gun rights, a
9 global pandemic event, rioting in cities and urban centers throughout the United States, there is
10 an unprecedented demand for self-defense tools; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the firearm and ammunition shortage directly impacts the personal protection
12 capabilities and safety of North Dakota citizens and the ability of law enforcement and military
13 personnel to perform their essential duties; and

14 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota is one of the gun-friendliest states in the nation, a state in which
15 gun rights and hunting are sacred so the firearm and ammunition shortage negatively impacts
16 hunting, fishing, and predator control within the state; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly should work to ensure the supply and price of
18 firearms and ammunition remains stable in North Dakota;

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

21 That the Legislative Management consider studying the factors contributing to the nation's
22 current firearm and ammunition shortage and the impact the shortage has had on the quality of
23 life for North Dakota citizens; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management develop a plan of action to
- 2 resolve the state's current firearm and ammunition shortage; and
- 3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and
- 4 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 5 the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly.