

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3028

Introduced by

Representatives Kempenich, Axtman, Klein

Senator Naaden

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability
2 of establishing a state department of commerce.

3 **WHEREAS**, numerous state agencies and officials, including the Public Service
4 Commission, the Secretary of State, the Labor Commissioner, occupational and professional
5 licensing boards, and the Department of Economic Development and Finance, are responsible
6 for licensing functions and economic development functions in the state; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the consolidation of various licensing, regulatory, and economic
8 development functions into one agency may be beneficial with respect to promoting economic
9 development activities and allowing individuals and businesses to access licensing, regulatory,
10 and economic development information through one agency; and

11 **WHEREAS**, a comprehensive study of establishing a state department of commerce is
12 needed to determine its feasibility and desirability, and if feasible and desirable, to determine
13 whether such a department should be under the authority of an elected or appointed official and
14 to determine the proper structure and administration of such a department;

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

17 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of establishing a state
18 department of commerce; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
20 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
21 the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.