

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3039

Introduced by

Representatives Berg, Kempenich, Lemieux

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to enact legislation to return adequate funds to states
2 to fund the employment security system and give a fair return to employers for the taxes
3 employers pay under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act.

4 **WHEREAS**, employers pay a federal employment security tax under the Federal
5 Unemployment Tax Act [68A Stat. 439; 26 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.] as a payroll tax that produces
6 revenue dedicated solely to use in the federal-state employment security system; and

7 **WHEREAS**, employers' payroll taxes pay for administering the employment security
8 system, providing veterans' reemployment assistance, and producing labor market information
9 to assist in matching workers' skills with the employment needs of employers; and

10 **WHEREAS**, congressional appropriations have remained flat in Wagner-Peyser
11 funding, despite adequate availability of funds from dedicated employer taxes because the
12 Federal Unemployment Tax Act accounts are used for federal budget deficit reduction; and

13 **WHEREAS**, congressional appropriations have not kept pace with fixed costs of
14 operating the employment security system, creating problems similar to the problems the gas
15 tax creates for transportation; and

16 **WHEREAS**, states cannot support an infrastructure to administer the employment
17 security system, provide veterans' reemployment assistance, and produce labor market
18 information, without adequate, predictable resources; and

19 **WHEREAS**, delivering services with inadequate federal funding is a major challenge
20 facing the State of North Dakota and Job Service North Dakota;

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

23 That the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
24 enact legislation to return adequate funds to states to fund the employment security system and

1 give a fair return to employers for the taxes employers pay under the Federal Unemployment
2 Tax Act; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution
4 to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the President Pro
5 Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the news media of North Dakota, and to
6 each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.