FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3043

Introduced by

Representative Keiser

1	A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the fiscal note process.
2	WHEREAS, legislative rules require fiscal notes to be attached to measures that have a
3	potential impact on revenues or expenditures of the state, cities, counties, and school districts;
4	and
5	WHEREAS, a fiscal note is requested of a state agency determined to be in the best
6	position to estimate the impact of proposed legislation; and
7	WHEREAS, it is essential to decisions of the Legislative Assembly to be able to rely
8	upon accurate and unbiased preparation of fiscal notes; and
9	WHEREAS, careful examination of past fiscal notes should be undertaken to determine
10	whether fiscal notes are accurate and unbiased and whether improvements could be made in
11	the process or reliability of fiscal notes for the benefit of the legislative process;
12	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
13	OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:
14	That the Legislative Council study the fiscal note process; and
15	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in conducting this study, the Legislative Council
16	may use the services of the State Auditor in auditing from a financial and performance-based
17	standpoint a representative sampling of fiscal notes that have been prepared on recent
18	legislation; 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-eighth Legislative Assembly.