

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3045

Introduced by

Representatives Sandvig, Grande, S. Kelsh

Senators Krauter, T. Mathern, O'Connell

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability
2 of establishing an at-home infant child care program.

3 **WHEREAS**, as the number of dual-income families continues to rise, the number of
4 stay-at-home parents decreases and it becomes more difficult to find quality day care for their
5 children; and

6 **WHEREAS**, a stay-at-home parent is on duty an average of 12 hours a day, seven days
7 a week, and provides a service with a market value of approximately \$36,000 annually; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 1997 Minnesota enacted a law that would give low-income families about
9 75 percent of the money they would have received in state-subsidized child care; and

10 **WHEREAS**, proponents of the Minnesota law contend that paying parents to care for
11 their children at home instead of sending them to day care opens up some much-needed child
12 care slots; and

13 **WHEREAS**, a similar program in North Dakota may help alleviate some of the state's
14 day care shortage problems;

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 an
18 at-home infant child care program; 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.