

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4038

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the benefits and risks
2 associated with the use of contracts in agricultural production, including growing and sales
3 provisions, labor arrangements, chemical usage, and provisions necessitated by emerging
4 technologies.

5 **WHEREAS**, since World War II, agriculture has become bigger, more intensive, and
6 more specialized both in developed and in developing countries; and

7 **WHEREAS**, modern agriculture is being shaped by many of the same technologies that
8 are transforming other industries; and

9 **WHEREAS**, farmers and ranchers are expected to respond to market forces, produce
10 an abundance of cheap food, maintain concern for the environment, and look after rural
11 landscapes, the welfare of animals, and the health of consumers; and

12 **WHEREAS**, global competition and new technologies are forging new relationships
13 within and between different layers of agribusiness and transforming what was once a very
14 simple process into a very complex legal undertaking;

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

17 That the Legislative Council study the benefits and risks associated with the use of
18 contracts in agricultural production, including growing and sales provisions, labor arrangements,
19 chemical usage, and provisions necessitated by emerging technologies; and

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