

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3068

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability
2 of creating a tiered early childhood facility licensure system that requires licensure of facilities
3 not required to be licensed under the current system.

4 **WHEREAS**, the state requires licensure of certain early childhood facilities, offers
5 voluntary licensure of early childhood facilities not required to be licensed, offers voluntary
6 registration for in-home providers of early childhood services, offers voluntary carecheck
7 registry for all early childhood facilities, and offers voluntary standard compliance certification
8 for early childhood facilities that are not required to be licensed; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the early childhood services licensure, certification, and registration laws
10 and rules are not easily understood by parents and early childhood services providers; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the fact that an early childhood facility is certified gives parents the illusion
12 that the facility is being monitored by a licensing agency; and

13 **WHEREAS**, all children receiving early childhood service from nonrelative providers
14 deserve to receive these services from providers that have annual training, background checks,
15 and first-aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification to help ensure a healthy and safe
16 environment in which to learn and grow; and

17 **WHEREAS**, certified early childhood facilities may be eligible to access monetary
18 benefits under certain state and federal programs;

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

21 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of creating a tiered early
22 childhood facility licensure system that requires licensure of facilities not required to be licensed
23 under the current system; and

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