

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3063

Introduced by

Representatives Svedjan, R. Kelsch, Porter, Price

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the impact of fathers not being
2 involved in their children's lives and identify potential programs and funding sources to address
3 that impact.

4 **WHEREAS**, nearly one-third of the nation's children live in single-parent households;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, research underscores the importance of fathers in child development; and

7 **WHEREAS**, children with involved fathers are less likely to become teen parents, less
8 likely to be involved with the juvenile justice system, and more likely to perform well in school;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, many low-income fathers were raised in families without an involved father
11 and therefore lack examples of involved fatherhood; and

12 **WHEREAS**, many low-income fathers face many of the same barriers to self-sufficiency
13 faced by low-income mothers; and

14 **WHEREAS**, states have unprecedented opportunities to address issues regarding
15 fathers and fatherhood, including use of the temporary assistance to needy families block grant;

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

18 That the Legislative Council study the impact of fathers not being involved in their
19 children's lives and identify potential programs and funding sources to address that impact; 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.