

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3045

Introduced by

Representatives Monson, Carlson, Warnke

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability
2 of implementing beverage container deposit legislation and other legislation to encourage
3 recycling.

4 **WHEREAS**, beverage container deposit legislation has been cited in the reduction of
5 litter and studies have shown that beverage container deposit legislation has reduced up to
6 84 percent of beverage container litter and up to 64 percent of total litter; and

7 **WHEREAS**, a study reported in the American Journal of Public Health undertaken at the
8 emergency room of Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston concluded that implementation
9 of Massachusetts' beverage container deposit law reduced the incidence of glass-related
10 lacerations by 60 percent; and

11 **WHEREAS**, beverage container deposit laws have been shown to reduce the volume of
12 solid waste entering landfills; and

13 **WHEREAS**, littering and the improper disposal of product containers is not only
14 unsightly but promotes public health vectors; and

15 **WHEREAS**, recycling of beverage and other product containers will preserve raw
16 materials; and

17 **WHEREAS**, a deposit and redemption system for product containers would reward
18 people who recycle these products; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the disposition of the state's solid waste is an issue that affects every
20 resident of North Dakota and is of great concern to the residents of this state; and

21 **WHEREAS**, there are a limited number of municipal solid waste landfills in the state;
22 and

23 **WHEREAS**, the capacity of existing municipal solid waste landfills in the state is
24 decreasing and new municipal landfills are expensive to develop;

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

3 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of implementing
4 beverage container deposit legislation and other legislation to encourage recycling; and

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
6 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
7 the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly.