

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3008

Introduced by

Representatives Wald, Belter, Brandenburg, Pollert

Senators Christmann, Urlacher

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study agricultural commodity
2 organizations and the Legislative Assembly oversight of commodity appropriations and
3 charges.

4 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly establishes in statute the assessments or
5 "checkoff" rates for each agricultural commodity program and the funds received are
6 appropriated on a continuing basis to the respective agricultural commodity organization; and

7 **WHEREAS**, other Midwestern states have varying levels of control over the
8 assessments or "checkoff" rates charged and use of funds received by their state agricultural
9 commodity organizations; and

10 **WHEREAS**, audit findings have been issued for agricultural commodity organizations
11 incurring or committing to expenditures in excess of anticipated biennial revenues; and

12 **WHEREAS**, major actions or obligations incurred by the agricultural commodity
13 organizations are not approved by or reported in a timely manner to the Legislative Assembly;

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

16 That the Legislative Council study North Dakota agricultural commodity organizations
17 and the Legislative Assembly control of appropriations and rates charged by the agricultural
18 commodity organizations; 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 Sixtieth Legislative Assembly.