

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3011

Introduced by

Representatives Monson, S. Kelsh, Nelson

Senators Grindberg, Heitkamp

1 A concurrent resolution urging the state's public research institutions of higher education to
2 participate in a regional hydrogen and energy research and education consortium.

3 **WHEREAS**, the state's public research institutions of higher education, including the
4 Energy and Environmental Research Center at the University of North Dakota and the School
5 of Engineering at North Dakota State University, possess important strengths in different areas
6 that should be meshed for a strong regional presence in the national hydrogen and energy
7 research arena; and

8 **WHEREAS**, some of this collaboration already occurs, but this collaboration often runs
9 counter to the institutional culture of academia; and

10 **WHEREAS**, there is significant interest in the pursuit of a regional consortium to
11 maximize institutional strengths and synergies to make this region's research and higher
12 education institutions more competitive in attracting federal and private funds; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the formation of a regional hydrogen and energy consortium would provide
14 many benefits for the economy of North Dakota and the well-being of its citizens;

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

17 That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the state's public research institutions of
18 higher education to participate in a regional hydrogen and energy research and education
19 consortium; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
21 resolution to the Governor, chancellor of the Board of Higher Education, the president of the
22 University of North Dakota, the president of North Dakota State University, the director of the
23 Energy and Environmental Research Center at the University of North Dakota, and the
24 chairman of the School of Engineering at North Dakota State University.