

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3031

Introduced by

Representatives Berg, Boucher

Senators O'Connell, Stenehjem

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study issues relating to tribal-state
2 relations, including methods for encouraging greater tribal-state cooperation, the promotion of
3 economic development on Indian reservations in the state, the identification and study of health
4 care issues on the reservations, and the identification and proposals for the resolution of the
5 water issues affecting the state and the tribes.

6 **WHEREAS**, there are five federally recognized Indian tribes and bands in this state,
7 each with a unique history and unique concerns; and

8 **WHEREAS**, each of these tribes and bands is a separate and independent political
9 community with a sovereign government that is distinct and separate from the state; and

10 **WHEREAS**, tribal governments in this state administer many programs, including state
11 programs, which provide benefits to tribal and nontribal members, such as child welfare
12 services, health care services, social services, environmental protection, education, and law
13 enforcement; and

14 **WHEREAS**, there is a need for state and tribal governments to discuss matters of
15 mutual concern in a government-to-government relationship; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Indian tribes and bands in this state and the state of North Dakota
17 should have a mutual respect for each other and should strive to improve communications on
18 issues of mutual concern; and

19 **WHEREAS**, a study of tribal-state issues would assist in resolving potential conflicts,
20 maximizing key intergovernmental relations, and enhancing an exchange of ideas and
21 resources for the greater good of all North Dakota residents, whether tribal members or not;

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

24 That the Legislative Council study issues relating to tribal-state relations, including
25 methods for encouraging greater tribal-state cooperation, the promotion of economic

1 development on Indian reservations in the state, the identification and study of health care
2 issues on the reservations, and the identification and proposals for the resolution of the water
3 issues affecting the state and the tribes; and

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council may assign portions of this
5 study to appropriate interim committees; and

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