

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3040

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the unemployment insurance
2 tax rate structure; the structure's impact on the unemployment insurance trust fund, with special
3 focus on the impact of the current unemployment insurance tax structure on new businesses;
4 the historical cyclical risks faced by the industries in which new businesses are beginning to
5 operate; and whether the unemployment insurance tax impact is reasonably favorable to the
6 desired economic development of the state.

7 **WHEREAS**, the unemployment insurance tax structure can and does impact the overall
8 economic development of the state of North Dakota; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the current unemployment insurance rate structure was defined statutorily
10 by the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, and has seen minor changes in the succeeding
11 legislative sessions; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly considered, but did not enact, House
13 Bill No. 1425 which would have created a new business rate for certain classes of employers;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, consideration of appropriate unemployment insurance tax rates for new
16 businesses must take into account the historical data indicating the cyclical economic risks the
17 relevant industries have faced; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the question of the impact of unemployment insurance tax rates on new
19 businesses needs more comprehensive study before rates are substantially changed;

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

22 That the Legislative Council study the unemployment insurance tax rate structure; the
23 structure's impact on the unemployment insurance trust fund, with special focus on the impact
24 of the current unemployment insurance tax structure on new businesses; the historical cyclical
25 risks faced by the industries in which new businesses are beginning to operate; and whether

- 1 the unemployment insurance tax impact is reasonably favorable to the desired economic
- 2 development of the state; and
- 3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
- 4 recommendations, along with any legislation necessary to implement its recommendations, to
- 5 the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly.