

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3046

Introduced by

Representatives Metcalf, Haas, Hawken

Senators Brown, Hacker, Robinson

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability
2 of implementing early childhood education programs.

3 **WHEREAS**, significant economic and social changes over the past two decades have
4 propelled child care and early childhood education to the top of state legislative agendas across
5 the country; and

6 **WHEREAS**, increasing amounts of research link early learning experiences with later
7 school achievement, adult productivity, and the foundations of a sound future economy; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the demand for competent workers continues to increase significantly, even
9 as the actual number of younger workers decreases; and

10 **WHEREAS**, research shows that early childhood education provides the next
11 generation with a solid foundation of skills, competencies, attitudes, and behaviors that will
12 ensure their success in more technology-based and competitive future economic environments;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, more than half of all young children now spend a significant amount of time
15 in child care and prekindergarten programs; and

16 **WHEREAS**, high-quality services for young children have direct implications for
17 achieving a broad range of short-term and long-term state policy goals, including the reduction
18 of social problems like juvenile violence and delinquency, teen pregnancy, welfare dependence,
19 and school failure;

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 feasibility and desirability of implementing early
23 childhood education programs for all children beginning at the age of three; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
- 2 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 3 the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly.