

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 3061**

Introduced by

Representatives Onstad, Boe, D. Johnson, Mueller, Vig

Senator Taylor

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the financial and
2 environmental impact of confined animal feeding operations on individual property owners and
3 local communities and develop clear, concise, and consistent laws governing the siting and
4 regulation of confined animal feeding operations.

5 **WHEREAS**, confined animal feeding operations in this state account for approximately
6 25 percent of all agricultural income; and

7 **WHEREAS**, byproducts from the expansion of ethanol and biodiesel industries will
8 provide opportunities for increases in confined animal feeding operations; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the siting of confined animal feeding operations is currently governed by
10 various state agencies, boards of county commissioners, and boards of township supervisors;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, conflicts and inconsistencies exist between the laws and regulations of the
13 various governmental entities; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the growth and development of confined animal feeding operations need to
15 be balanced against the financial and environmental impacts that such operations can have on
16 individual landowners and local communities;

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

19 That the Legislative Council study the financial and environmental impact of confined
20 animal feeding operations on individual property owners and local communities and develop
21 clear, concise, and consistent laws governing the siting and regulation of confined animal
22 feeding operations; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the state health officer and the commissioner of
24 agriculture jointly convene a task force composed of state agency representatives, local
25 government officials, organizations, and groups involved in the development of confined animal

- 1 feeding operations to assist the Legislative Council in data gathering, analysis, and the
- 2 formulation of recommendations; and
- 3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
- 4 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 5 the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly.