

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4027

Introduced by

Senators Taylor, Flakoll, Olafson

Representatives Belter, Boe, Froelich

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the leasing of state lands.

2 **WHEREAS**, state lands in North Dakota are managed by the Board of University and
3 School Lands or the Land Department; and

4 **WHEREAS**, currently these lands are leased at public auction for a maximum lease
5 term of five years; and

6 **WHEREAS**, state lands have been sold in the past; and

7 **WHEREAS**, whether and to what extent a preference is given to the lessee should be
8 reviewed; and

9 **WHEREAS**, extending the lease term from five years to seven or ten years may be
10 more efficient in that it would reduce the cost of land auctions and encourage lessees to make
11 improvements that they otherwise would not make under a shorter lease term; and

12 **WHEREAS**, promoting policies that encourage good land stewardship would be
13 beneficial to the state;

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

16 That the Legislative Council study the leasing of state lands; and

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
18 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
19 the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly.