

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3038

Introduced by

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Senator Laffen

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study transportation funding
2 options.

3 **WHEREAS**, the federal highway trust fund has experienced a shortfall over the past five
4 years; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the most recent Transportation Equity Act--known as SAFETEA-LU--expired on
6 September 30, 2009; and

7 **WHEREAS**, this Act as been continued by resolution six times with the current continuation
8 set to expire on March 4, 2011; and

9 **WHEREAS**, because of the continued growth in sales of hybrid and electric vehicles and
10 the use of other more fuel-efficient vehicles, the current gasoline and diesel fuel tax collection
11 system has realized a decline over the past five years; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the vehicle miles traveled have increased annually and are expected to
13 continue to increase; and

14 **WHEREAS**, with more miles traveled and less fuel tax receipts collected, this state needs to
15 investigate other forms of funding, including a vehicle mile tax, sales tax, excise value tax, and
16 public and private partnerships;

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

19 That the Legislative Management study transportation funding options; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and
21 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
22 the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly.