Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3007**

Introduced by

Representatives M. Nelson, Boschee

| 1  | A concurrent resolution requesting the Legislative Management to consider studying the           |
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| 2  | legalization, decriminalization, and taxation of marijuana.                                      |
| 3  | WHEREAS, over \$1,000,000,000,000 has been spent nationally enforcing drug laws,                 |
| 4  | including those pertaining to marijuana, since the War on Drugs was initiated by President       |
| 5  | Nixon in the 1970s; and  |
| 6  | WHEREAS, the United States has become a nation of mass incarceration, imprisoning over           |
| 7  | two million citizens, representing the highest imprisonment rate of any nation in the world; and |
| 8  | WHEREAS, states that have legalized marijuana have experienced increased tax revenue;            |
| 9  | and  |
| 10 | WHEREAS, the citizens of North Dakota recently voted to allow the use of marijuana for           |
| 11 | medical purposes;  |
| 12 | NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF                                |
| 13 | NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:   |
| 14 | That the Legislative Management consider studying the legalization, decriminalization, and       |
| 15 | taxation of marijuana; and   |
| 16 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and                  |
| 17 | recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to     |
| 18 | the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly.  |