

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3051
(Representatives Vetter, Beadle, C. Johnson, Lefor, Louser, O'Brien)
(Senators Burckhard, Meyer)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the feasibility, desirability, and benefits of expanding the goods and services produced by Roughrider Industries into additional noncompetitive markets to provide inmates with the training and skills to successfully reintegrate inmates into society.

WHEREAS, Roughrider Industries is a division of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation whose mission is to employ inmates to produce quality goods and services in a self-sustaining manner that makes the time of incarceration productive, while preparing the inmates to reintegrate into society; and

WHEREAS, with over 97 percent of inmates returning to the streets, equipping inmates with the tools and job skills necessary to be productive and successful upon release reduces the cost of transition and retraining on society; and

WHEREAS, Roughrider Industries does not use tax dollars to support correctional programs, and all salaries, equipment, capital improvements, and operating expenses are paid from revenues generated from the sale of the products and services; and

WHEREAS, Roughrider Industries may sell directly to nonprofit organizations, political subdivisions, and governmental agencies, including federal, state, and tribal agencies, but may not sell directly to the general public; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive review and assessment of whether the quality goods and services produced by Roughrider Industries should be expanded to cover additional noncompetitive goods and services, including clothing or computer hardware, is necessary to determine whether a mechanism allowing wholesaling of these additional noncompetitive goods and services directly to the general public would aid inmates in their successful rehabilitation and reintegration into society upon their release;

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

That the Legislative Management consider studying the feasibility, desirability, and benefits of expanding the goods and services produced by Roughrider Industries into additional noncompetitive markets to provide inmates with the training and skills to successfully reintegrate the inmates into society; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study must include consultation with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and any private North Dakota business seeking to provide input; and

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2019,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State