

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3026**

Introduced by

Representative Monson

Senator Trenbeath

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the use of E85 fuel by the  
2 state.

3 **WHEREAS**, North Dakotans consume approximately 373 million gallons of gasoline  
4 each year and approximately 20 percent of that gallonage contains 10 percent ethanol; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the size of North Dakota's ethanol market is therefore in the range of  
6 8 million gallons per year and the state's existing production capacity is in the range of  
7 30 million gallons annually; and

8 **WHEREAS**, excess ethanol is marketed in other states; and

9 **WHEREAS**, ethanol is a homegrown fuel that helps the nation to become independent  
10 from imported oil and helps the nation's balance of trade; and

11 **WHEREAS**, ethanol is made from corn, a renewable resource, and a crop grown in  
12 abundance in North Dakota; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the state has the capacity to produce 10.5 million gallons of ethanol  
14 annually, utilizing 4 million bushels of corn; and

15 **WHEREAS**, ethanol is available in either a lower-level blend, 10 percent, or a high-level  
16 blend, 85 percent, and corn-based E85 fuel has been found to reduce greenhouse gas  
17 emissions by as much as 39 to 46 percent when compared to gasoline; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the Governor has directed the Department of Transportation to use a  
19 10 percent ethanol-blended fuel in the state's 2,300-vehicle fleet; and

20 **WHEREAS**, ethanol production adds up to 30 cents to every bushel of corn and  
21 produces a nutritious livestock byproduct; and

22 **WHEREAS**, farmers benefit from the production of ethanol not only from higher corn  
23 prices but also from collective enterprises to build ethanol production facilities; and

24 **WHEREAS**, value-added agriculture enterprises create new jobs and help the state's  
25 farmers add substantial value to their crops;

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

3           That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of the use of E85 by the  
4 state; and

5           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and  
6 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
7 the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly.