

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3072

Introduced by

Representatives Glassheim, Drovdal, Ekstrom, Keiser, Tieman, Warner

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study possible methods of growing
2 North Dakota's population, including approaches to decreasing out-migration and increasing
3 in-migration and reviewing how other states are dealing with related population issues.

4 **WHEREAS**, over the past 10 years North Dakota has experienced a population growth
5 rate of one-half of one percent, which is the lowest growth rate in the nation and is substantially
6 less than the growth rate of neighboring states; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the average age of all North Dakotans is continuing to increase, resulting in
8 a reduction in the available workforce in the state; and

9 **WHEREAS**, not only is the state's population below the level necessary to sustain
10 adequate funding for schools, rural health, emergency care, infrastructure, and other essential
11 services, but these problems are even more severe in the rural areas of the state; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Minneapolis-St. Paul urban center is projected to grow by 680,000
13 people over the course of the next 17 years, which could be a pool of possible recruits to move
14 to North Dakota;

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

17 That the Legislative Council study possible methods of growing North Dakota's
18 population, including approaches to decreasing out-migration and increasing in-migration and
19 reviewing how other states are dealing with related population issues; and

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