

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4033

Introduced by

Senators Every, Mathern, Wardner

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study whether enhancing the quality
2 of childcare and increasing access to affordable childcare would favorably impact economic
3 development in the state.

4 **WHEREAS**, childcare makes numerous contributions to quality of life in this state,
5 including enhancing the social and intellectual development of the next generation of North
6 Dakotans; and

7 **WHEREAS**, childcare is the 10th largest occupation in the state, with annual revenues
8 generated by the childcare industry exceeding \$123 million; and

9 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota families are very reliant on the childcare industry, due in part
10 to the fact the state has one of the highest rates of multiple jobholders in the nation; and

11 **WHEREAS**, a North Dakota family with a median family income for the state, \$43,654 in
12 1999, spends approximately 10 to 12 percent of their gross earnings on the care of one infant;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, availability of affordable, quality childcare impacts the ability of the state to
15 attract and retain businesses;

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

18 That the Legislative Council study whether enhancing the quality of childcare and
19 increasing access to affordable childcare would favorably impact economic development in the
20 state; and

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