

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3042

Introduced by

Representatives Kasper, Ruby, Thoreson, Weiler

Senators Holmberg, Klein

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the laws of this state and other
2 states as they relate to the unauthorized acquisition, theft, and misuse of personal identifying
3 information belonging to another individual.

4 **WHEREAS**, identity theft is an issue of rising national importance, with the federal
5 government as well as state governments investing significant energy into researching possible
6 approaches to more effectively deal with this problem; and

7 **WHEREAS**, as technology continues to evolve, the opportunities for identity theft
8 become more and more sophisticated and far-reaching; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the personal and commercial damages resulting from unauthorized use of
10 personal identifying information are significant; and

11 **WHEREAS**, North Dakotans are being harmed by identity theft; and

12 **WHEREAS**, residents of this state have voiced a concern that North Dakota's laws do
13 not adequately and comprehensively address the prohibition of and the penalties for identity
14 theft;

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 the laws of this state and other states as they relate
18 to the unauthorized acquisition, theft, and misuse of personal identifying information belonging
19 to another individual; 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 Sixtieth Legislative Assembly.