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Introduced by

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the state's workforce system,
2 the feasibility and desirability of enacting legislation to address the issues identified in the
3 2007-08 interim Workforce Committee's consultant's report, and the implementation of
4 workforce initiatives enacted by the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly.

5 **WHEREAS**, during the 2007-08 interim the Legislative Council's Workforce Committee
6 studied the state's system for addressing workforce needs through a workforce system initiative
7 that included receipt of agency reports regarding implementation of workforce legislation
8 enacted during the 2007 legislative session, active participation in five focus groups across the
9 state, and active participation in the Workforce Congress; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Workforce Committee contracted with Thomas P. Miller and Associates
11 to facilitate the focus groups and the Workforce Congress and to provide a report summarizing
12 information gathered, prioritizing workforce-related action items, and identifying workforce
13 system policy and implementation options and recommendations; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the interim Workforce, Education, and Higher Education Committees held a
15 joint meeting to address workforce-related committee activities in order to coordinate workforce
16 study activities; and

17 **WHEREAS**, although the Workforce, Education, and Higher Education Committees
18 approved and recommended legislative packages addressing workforce-related issues, there
19 are significant workforce action items in the Thomas P. Miller and Associates report which have
20 not been fully addressed and which warrant additional legislative study and consideration;

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE _____ OF**
22 **NORTH DAKOTA, THE _____ CONCURRING THEREIN:**

23 That the Legislative Council study the state's workforce system, the feasibility and
24 desirability of enacting legislation to address the issues identified in the 2007-08 interim

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly

- 1 Workforce Committee's consultant's report, and the implementation of workforce initiatives
- 2 enacted by the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly; and
- 3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
- 4 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 5 the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly.