

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3012

Introduced by

Representatives Owens, Dietrich, Grande

Senator Bakke

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the determination of the cost
2 of elementary and secondary education.

3 **WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Public Instruction is statutorily charged with
4 determining the cost of elementary and secondary education; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in determining the cost of elementary and secondary education, state law
6 provides that the Superintendent of Public Instruction is to consider all costs except capital
7 outlays for buildings, sites, and debt service and expenditures for school activities, lunch
8 programs, and transportation; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the school districts of this state vary considerably with respect to their size,
10 with respect to the educational opportunities that they make available to their students, and with
11 respect to their efficiencies; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the equitable distribution of state funds to school districts for elementary
13 and secondary education requires a common understanding of what constitutes the cost of that
14 education;

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 determination of the cost of elementary and
18 secondary education, and the determination of the cost of delivering only that education
19 required by state law, assuming a student-teacher ratio of 20 to 1 and excluding all
20 extracurricular activities; 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 Sixty-first Legislative Assembly.