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of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3056

Introduced by

Representatives Boschee, Guggisberg, Haak, M. Johnson, Kasper, Seibel

Senators Oban, Wanzek

1   A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study projections on the

2   number of low-income individuals in the state over the next 10 years and the desirability and

3   feasibility of developing and expanding asset-building programs for those individuals.

4   **WHEREAS**, North Dakota ranks first in job creation and has the lowest unemployment rate

5   in the nation for the sixth consecutive year while also having a 12 percent average annual

6   economic growth rate; and

7   **WHEREAS**, the average adjusted gross income for individuals for 2013 rose to $71,538,

8   but poverty rates were 11.6 percent for individuals and 7 percent for families; and

9   **WHEREAS**, nearly 9 percent of North Dakota households were food insecure at some time

10   during 2013, with 3.1 percent of households having very low food security; and

11   **WHEREAS**, North Dakota's population has grown to an all time high of 739,482 residents

12   over the past decade, and although the average age has declined, the over age 65 population

13   is estimated to grow an additional 18 percent in the next decade; and

14   **WHEREAS**, 10.6 percent of North Dakotans have a disability, which may impact their level

15   of employment, and Social Security comprises the sole source or majority of income for

16   61 percent of individuals over the age of 65;

17   **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF**

18   **NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

19   That the Legislative Management study projections on the number of low-income

20   individuals in the state over the next 10 years and the desirability and feasibility of developing

21   and expanding asset-building programs for those individuals; and

22   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and

23   recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to

24   the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly.