

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3018

Introduced by

Representatives Aarsvold, Kingsbury, Lloyd, Monson

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study alternatives, including school
2 district income taxes, for funding sources to reduce school districts' dependence on property
3 taxes.

4 **WHEREAS**, property taxes levied by school districts constitute a majority of all property
5 taxes levied in the state; and

6 **WHEREAS**, property owners have expressed increasing dissatisfaction with the growth
7 of the property tax burden and increasing resistance and rejection of proposed school district
8 bond issues for needed school improvements and building projects; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly has on several occasions considered and
10 rejected legislation to allow imposition of income taxes by school districts for support of bond
11 issues and has failed to find a viable alternative to property taxes as a source for school district
12 funding for bond issues and other purposes; and

13 **WHEREAS**, it is apparent that citizens of the state look to the Legislative Assembly to
14 provide alternatives that might be used to relieve some of the burden on property owners for
15 funding school district operations and improvements;

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

18 That the Legislative Council study alternatives, including school district income taxes,
19 for funding sources to reduce school district' dependence on property taxes; 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 Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.