

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3046

Introduced by

Representatives Mueller, D. Johnson, Lemieux

Senators Kroeplin, Urlacher, Wanzek

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study issues related to genetically
2 modified wheat, including issues of segregation, liability, economic impact, and agronomic
3 effects.

4 **WHEREAS**, genetically modified wheat may pose risks of unknown proportions to the
5 state's economy and particularly to the agricultural sector; and

6 **WHEREAS**, a number of countries have restricted the import of genetically modified
7 wheat; and

8 **WHEREAS**, farmers planting genetically modified wheat are facing unknown liability for
9 damage caused to neighboring farmers who are not planting genetically modified wheat or who
10 are involved in organic farming; and

11 **WHEREAS**, an appropriate infrastructure necessary for the segregation of genetically
12 modified wheat is not in place; and

13 **WHEREAS**, technology agreements associated with genetically modified crops tend to
14 result in an increase in farmers' seed costs and a decrease in farmers' ability to propagate seed
15 for their own use;

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 issues related to genetically modified wheat, including
19 issues of segregation, liability, economic impact, and agronomic effects; 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.