

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3043

Introduced by

Representative Keiser

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the fiscal note process.

2 **WHEREAS**, legislative rules require fiscal notes to be attached to measures that have a
3 potential impact on revenues or expenditures of the state, cities, counties, and school districts;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, a fiscal note is requested of a state agency determined to be in the best
6 position to estimate the impact of proposed legislation; and

7 **WHEREAS**, it is essential to decisions of the Legislative Assembly to be able to rely
8 upon accurate and unbiased preparation of fiscal notes; and

9 **WHEREAS**, careful examination of past fiscal notes should be undertaken to determine
10 whether fiscal notes are accurate and unbiased and whether improvements could be made in
11 the process or reliability of fiscal notes for the benefit of the legislative process;

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

14 That the Legislative Council study the fiscal note process; and

15 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in conducting this study, the Legislative Council may
16 expend, from funds otherwise available to the Legislative Council, up to \$15,000 for services of
17 the State Auditor in auditing from a financial and performance-based standpoint a
18 representative sampling of fiscal notes that have been prepared on recent legislation; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
20 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
21 the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.