

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Representative J. Kelsh

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study eminent domain laws as they
2 relate to pipeline siting.

3 **WHEREAS**, pipelines may be built across multiple states, including this state, without a
4 direct benefit to the people of this state; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the eminent domain laws of this state may be used against the people in
6 this state to locate a pipeline on their property without their consent; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the property taken by eminent domain may be taken without consideration
8 for the surrounding property and future uses of the property; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the burden is on the property owner to defend against eminent domain for
10 which the property owner incurs legal fees and costs;

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

13 That the Legislative Council study eminent domain laws as they relate to pipeline siting;

14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
15 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
16 the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly.