

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3013
(Representatives Beadle, Heilman, N. Johnson, Looyesen, Sanford, Mock, Oversen)
(Senator Flakoll)

A concurrent resolution urging the State Board of Higher Education and faculty members of North Dakota University System institutions to increase the use of open textbooks for academic courses in order to reduce the financial burden to higher education students.

WHEREAS, a North Dakota University System student pays an estimated average of \$1,100 per year for academic course textbooks; and

WHEREAS, high textbook costs create a financial burden for students to attend a higher education institution which may limit student access to higher education; and

WHEREAS, open textbooks are published under a license that enables students to obtain free or low-cost versions of electronic or printed academic textbooks; and

WHEREAS, the use of open textbooks can significantly reduce higher education costs for students which increases student access to higher education; and

WHEREAS, the use of open textbooks among all North Dakota University System institutions and other states' higher education systems for common core courses may result in efficiencies reducing state costs related to higher education;

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

That the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly urges the State Board of Higher Education and faculty members of North Dakota University System institutions to increase the use of open textbooks for academic courses in order to reduce the financial burden to higher education students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to each member of the State Board of Higher Education, to the Chancellor of the North Dakota University System, and to each North Dakota University System institution president.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate