

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the effects of climate
2 change on this state.

3 **WHEREAS**, a 2008 report from the National Conference of State Legislatures on climate
4 change and the economy addressed the costs of climate change in this state; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the report stated that temperatures in the northern and central Great Plains
6 have risen about two degrees Fahrenheit in the past 100 years and the temperature is predicted
7 to increase by seven degrees Fahrenheit by 2100; and

8 **WHEREAS**, an increase in temperature creates economic impacts on agriculture, water
9 supplies and infrastructure, hunting and fishing, and electricity generation through hydroelectric
10 dams; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the effect of climate change on agriculture includes increased drought, an
12 increase in crop pests, and increases in other disease and insects; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the state should be prepared for these economic impacts and take steps where
14 necessary to soften the impacts;

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

17 That the Legislative Management study the effects of climate change on this state; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and
19 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
20 the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly.