

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3013**

Introduced by

Representatives Beadle, Heilman, N. Johnson, Looyesen, Sanford, Mock, Oversen

Senator Flakoll

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

4 **WHEREAS**, a North Dakota University System student pays an estimated average of  
5 \$1,100 per year for academic course textbooks; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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