

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3044

Introduced by

Representatives Disrud, Ekstrom

Senator Bercier

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability
2 of supporting development of the state's wind energy resources.

3 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota has been identified as having the greatest wind energy
4 potential for electric power generation of any state in the nation; and

5 **WHEREAS**, there is a growing market for renewable energy across the United States
6 and many utilities have implemented green pricing programs to market renewable energy; and

7 **WHEREAS**, development of the state's wind energy resources may create jobs in North
8 Dakota involving manufacturing and installing wind generation equipment and managing,
9 operating, and maintaining wind power stations; and

10 **WHEREAS**, landowners in North Dakota may realize additional income opportunities
11 from leasing lands for wind generation stations while still being able to farm or graze that land;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, the sale of electricity from the generation of wind energy in the state may
14 lead to enhanced tax revenues for the state;

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

17 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of supporting
18 development of the state's wind energy resources; 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-seventh Legislative Assembly.