

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3026

Introduced by

Representatives Ekstrom, Boucher, Gulleson, S. Kelsh, Mueller

Senator Krauter

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability
2 of wind energy development in North Dakota.

3 **WHEREAS**, wind power is a renewable and nonpolluting source of energy; and

4 **WHEREAS**, several studies have concluded that North Dakota has the greatest
5 potential for wind energy development in the United States; and

6 **WHEREAS**, wind energy projects could provide North Dakota agricultural producers
7 with an additional source of income from wind generation without interfering with their
8 agricultural operations; and

9 **WHEREAS**, wind energy projects may increase general economic activity in the state
10 including construction of wind energy projects, landowner income, creation of long-term jobs
11 from constructing and servicing wind generation facilities and the manufacturing of wind turbine
12 components; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Minot, Grand Forks, and Fargo are located within approximately 50 miles of
14 identified class 5 wind resource areas; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the use of public lands should be studied to determine whether these lands
16 may be used for wind energy projects; and

17 **WHEREAS**, transmission constraints may exist that would hinder the export of
18 electricity generated from wind turbines located in North Dakota;

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

21 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of wind energy
22 development in North Dakota; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
24 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
25 the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.