

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3066

Introduced by

Representatives Boucher, Berg

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability
2 of creating a commerce cabinet to monitor and assess the development of state policy
3 regarding economics, population, and business growth.

4 **WHEREAS**, crucial elements of state economic development are deeply rooted in
5 several state agencies, but there is not a formal forum to coordinate these elements of state
6 economic development; and

7 **WHEREAS**, a commerce cabinet consisting of the Governor, the Attorney General, the
8 Agriculture Commissioner, a Public Service Commissioner, the President of the Bank of North
9 Dakota, the Chancellor of the University System, the State Engineer, the State Health Officer,
10 and the majority and minority leaders of the North Dakota House of Representatives and
11 Senate, that meets at least quarterly would aid in coordinating a comprehensive economic
12 development plan; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in addition to the state benefit of efficient use of resources, the state's
14 citizens and businesses could benefit from a unified, coordinated economic development
15 strategic plan;

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

18 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of creating a commerce
19 cabinet to monitor and assess the development of state policy regarding economics, population,
20 and business growth; and

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