

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3065**

Introduced by

Representatives Weisz, Pollert

Senators Klein, Wanzek

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the negative impact due to  
2 diminishing rail access and service, the cost to industry, business, and communities of shifting  
3 rail services to state and local highway systems, and the feasibility and desirability of funding  
4 enhanced rail facilities including an intermodal rail facility in this state.

5 **WHEREAS**, efforts toward economic development through value-added agricultural  
6 production requires distribution of produce, goods, and services; and

7 **WHEREAS**, diminishing rail access and services adversely impacts agriculture,  
8 industry, business, tourism, and communities; and

9 **WHEREAS**, diminishing rail access and services shifts the burden of the movement of  
10 goods, products, and imports to already overstressed highway systems in this state; and

11 **WHEREAS**, many areas of the state are experiencing greater isolation of goods and  
12 produce from the services and markets; and

13 **WHEREAS**, diminishing rail access and services leads to an accelerated trend toward  
14 more shuttle trains, consolidation of local elevators into terminal facilities, and reduction in the  
15 number of small community elevators and related agricultural services resulting in added  
16 distribution stresses on the state and local highways and loss of support services for the  
17 agricultural communities across the state;

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

20 That the Legislative Council study the negative impact due to diminishing rail access  
21 and service, the cost to industry, business, and communities of shifting rail services to state and  
22 local highway systems, and the feasibility and desirability of funding enhanced rail facilities  
23 including an intermodal rail facility in this state; and

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