

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3040  
(Representatives Keiser, Carlson, Iverson, Koppelman, Ruby)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the unemployment insurance tax rate structure; the structure's impact on the unemployment insurance trust fund, with special focus on the impact of the current unemployment insurance tax structure on new businesses; the historical cyclical risks faced by the industries in which new businesses are beginning to operate; and whether the unemployment insurance tax impact is reasonably favorable to the desired economic development of the state.

**WHEREAS**, the unemployment insurance tax structure can and does impact the overall economic development of the state of North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, the current unemployment insurance rate structure was defined statutorily by the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, and has seen minor changes in the succeeding legislative sessions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly considered, but did not enact, House Bill No. 1425 which would have created a new business rate for certain classes of employers; and

**WHEREAS**, consideration of appropriate unemployment insurance tax rates for new businesses must take into account the historical data indicating the cyclical economic risks the relevant industries have faced; and

**WHEREAS**, the question of the impact of unemployment insurance tax rates on new businesses needs more comprehensive study before rates are substantially changed;

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

That the Legislative Council study the unemployment insurance tax rate structure; the structure's impact on the unemployment insurance trust fund, with special focus on the impact of the current unemployment insurance tax structure on new businesses; the historical cyclical risks faced by the industries in which new businesses are beginning to operate; and whether the unemployment insurance tax impact is reasonably favorable to the desired economic development of the state; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, along with any legislation necessary to implement its recommendations, to the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State