

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3025

Introduced by

Representatives Ekstrom, Klein, Wald

Senators Bakke, Grindberg, Horne

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study possible methods of growing
2 North Dakota's population and increasing the available workforce in the state.

3 **WHEREAS**, during the decade before the last decennial census, the population of the
4 state grew by one-half of one percent, which was the smallest relative growth rate of all 50
5 states; and

6 **WHEREAS**, during the early part of this decade, the estimates of the United States
7 Census Bureau indicated that the population of the state declined, and the estimated population
8 of the state remains below the actual population in 2000; and

9 **WHEREAS**, three population trends affecting the state--rural depopulation, outmigration
10 of young adults and young families, and an increasing proportion of the elderly--contribute
11 toward a difficulty in businesses meeting workforce needs;

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

14 That the Legislative Council study possible methods of growing North Dakota's
15 population and increasing the available workforce in the state; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
17 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
18 the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly.