

Introduced by

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study Indian education issues.

2 **WHEREAS**, the rate of population growth on the state's Indian reservations is one of the  
3 highest growth rates in the state; and

4 **WHEREAS**, there are approximately 10,650 Indian students attending schools in the  
5 state; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Indian students generally rank lower by percentage of students at or above  
7 the proficient level on the national assessment of educational progress in mathematics, reading,  
8 and science; and

9 **WHEREAS**, many school districts that are consistently low-performing schools and do  
10 not make average yearly progress serve large populations of Indian students; and

11 **WHEREAS**, it is desirable to determine what makes a successful school and what  
12 makes a successful student; and

13 **WHEREAS**, a larger percentage of Indian youth remain in the state upon graduation  
14 than do other youths; and

15 **WHEREAS**, a quality education is essential for Indian youth to develop personal and  
16 family self-sufficiency and to develop fully their talents and contribute to the general welfare of  
17 the state of North Dakota; and

18 **WHEREAS**, many schools in Indian country are challenged by school finance issues;  
19 and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly allocated American Recovery and  
21 Reinvestment Act of 2009 funding on a per student rather than Title I basis;

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF**  
23 **NORTH DAKOTA, THE \_\_\_\_\_ CONCURRING THEREIN:**

24 That the Legislative Management study Indian education issues; and

- 1           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management assign this study to an  
2 interim Education Committee or other similar interim committee for study; and  
3           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and  
4 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
5 the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly.