

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3053

Introduced by

Representatives Oversen, Amerman, Froseth, Hanson, D. Johnson, Mitskog, M. Nelson,
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Senators Heckaman, Nelson, Sinner, Wardner

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study American Indian student
2 support and service programs at all institutions of higher education in the state, including
3 recruitment and retention efforts, admissions standards, ancillary programs, cultural sensitivity
4 training, financial aid programs, and all current funding and support providing services to
5 American Indian students.

6 **WHEREAS**, the North Dakota University System and its affiliated schools have long strived
7 to meet the unique needs of our American Indian students; and

8 **WHEREAS**, American Indian students represent the largest minority group attending North
9 Dakota institutions of higher education but are still largely unrepresented on our campuses; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the programs intended to provide support and services for American Indian
11 students are inconsistent in focus and funding across the eleven public campuses; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the cultural diversity tuition waiver program has seen drastic changes in intent
13 and has seen no increase in the number of awards granted since its inception; and

14 **WHEREAS**, recruitment efforts directed at American Indian students could be expanded to
15 include Alaska and other areas with significant populations of American Indians; and

16 **WHEREAS**, our public campuses could greatly benefit from increased cultural sensitivity
17 training to increase exposure to all diverse populations in our state and region;

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

20 That the Legislative Management study American Indian student support and service
21 programs at all institutions of higher education in the state, including recruitment and retention
22 efforts, admissions standards, ancillary programs, cultural sensitivity training, financial aid
23 programs, and all current funding and support providing services to American Indian students;
24 and

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