

Introduced by

Representative Louser

1 A concurrent resolution requesting the Legislative Management to study the feasibility and  
2 desirability of privatizing Minot State University and two additional institutions of higher  
3 education under the control of the State Board of Higher Education which are not research  
4 universities.

5 **WHEREAS**, the North Dakota University System is a unified system of higher education  
6 governed by the State Board of Higher Education; and

7 **WHEREAS**, organized in 1990, the North Dakota University System includes two research  
8 universities, four regional universities, and five community colleges; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Minot State University, one of the four regional universities, as well as the other  
10 institutions under the authority of the State Board of Higher Education, have experienced  
11 serious budget cuts in recent years due to the state's financial situation; and

12 **WHEREAS**, an option for resolving some of the budget issues facing higher education may  
13 be the partial or complete privatization of Minot State University and two additional institutions  
14 of higher education under the control of the State Board of Higher Education which are not  
15 research universities; and

16 **WHEREAS**, studies of universities and colleges that have become partially or completely  
17 privatized indicate those institutions are able to reduce costs, improve service quality, and  
18 increase efficiency and innovation; and

19 **WHEREAS**, other private institutions of higher education in the state have proven to be  
20 successful; and

21 **WHEREAS**, an in-depth study of the advantages and disadvantages of the privatization of  
22 Minot State University and other public higher education institutions in the state is appropriate;

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

Sixty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly

1       That the Legislative Management consider studying the feasibility and desirability of  
2 privatizing Minot State University and two additional institutions of higher education under the  
3 control of the State Board of Higher Education which are not research universities; and  
4       **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and  
5 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
6 the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly.