

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4003

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(North Dakota/South Dakota Commission)

1 A concurrent resolution urging the State Board of Higher Education to continue to pursue
2 collaborative efforts with the South Dakota Board of Regents.

3 **WHEREAS**, the State Board of Higher Education and the South Dakota Board of
4 Regents have initiated discussion regarding cooperative ventures between the two university
5 systems; and

6 **WHEREAS**, during the 1995-96 interim, the Legislative Council and the South Dakota
7 Legislative Research Council established the North Dakota/South Dakota Commission to study
8 and identify ways North Dakota and South Dakota can collaborate to deliver government
9 services more efficiently; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the State Board of Higher Education and the South Dakota Board of
11 Regents participated in the deliberations of the North Dakota/South Dakota Commission and
12 identified several areas for potential cooperation between the university systems, including
13 exploration of cooperative purchasing arrangements, implementation of joint student followup
14 processes, development and improvement of research infrastructure and research capabilities,
15 provision of services by the academic community to the public sector, distance education,
16 development of information systems, and examination of reciprocity between the states for
17 certain low enrollment programs;

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

20 That the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly urges the State Board of Higher Education to
21 continue to pursue collaborative efforts with the South Dakota Board of Regents; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
23 resolution to the State Board of Higher Education and the South Dakota Board of Regents.