

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3009  
(Representatives Beadle, Heilman, N. Johnson, Sanford, Mock)  
(Senators Flakoll, Miller)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the use of open textbooks in the North Dakota University System, including options to develop partnerships with other states to use open textbooks.

**WHEREAS**, a North Dakota University System student pays an estimated average of \$1,100 per year for academic course textbooks; and

**WHEREAS**, high textbook costs create a financial burden for students to attend a higher education institution which may limit student access to higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, open textbooks are published under a license that enables students to obtain free or low-cost versions of electronic or printed academic textbooks; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of open textbooks can significantly reduce higher education costs for students which increases student access to higher education; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of open textbooks among all North Dakota University System institutions and other states' higher education systems for common core courses may result in efficiencies reducing state costs related to higher education;

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

That the Legislative Management study the use of open textbooks in the North Dakota University System, including options to develop partnerships with other states to use open textbooks; and

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

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State