

Introduced by

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

4 **WHEREAS**, a North Dakota University System student pays an estimated average of
5 \$1,100 per year for academic course textbooks; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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