

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3030

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution requesting the Legislative Management to consider studying the
2 growing wealth and income inequality in North Dakota and its impact on families and the
3 economy of the state.

4 **WHEREAS**, wealth and income inequality in America is now greater than any time since the
5 1920s, and the middle class is too weak to support consumer spending that has historically
6 driven our economic growth; and

7 **WHEREAS**, after decades of widening inequality, North Dakota's wealthiest households
8 have dramatically higher incomes than its poorest households; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the richest 5 percent of households have average incomes 12.3 times higher
10 than the bottom 20 percent of households and 4.5 times higher than the middle 20 percent of
11 households; and

12 **WHEREAS**, wealth and income inequality has a devastating impact on middle-income and
13 low-income families in North Dakota; and

14 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota should be committed to reducing inequality and raising incomes
15 by rejecting policies that foster inequality and supporting policies that close the income gap for
16 all North Dakotans;

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

19 That the Legislative Management consider studying the growing wealth and income
20 inequality in North Dakota and its impact on families and the economy of the state; and

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