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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Introduced by: Senators Kooistra, Albers, Kloucek, and Reedy and Representatives Gillespie, Begalka, and Nesselhuf

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Encouraging the South Dakota Board of Regents to rescind
2 its support of South Dakota State University's pursuit to move from the National Collegiate
3 Athletic Association Division II to Division I.

4 WHEREAS, the control of South Dakota State University and the other public
5 postsecondary education institutions in this state is vested solely in the South Dakota Board of
6 Regents; and

7 WHEREAS, South Dakota State University has launched an aggressive and expensive
8 campaign to move its athletic program to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division
9 I level; and

10 WHEREAS, South Dakota State University's campus housing is already in short supply, and
11 other campus buildings and facilities are in need of repairs and improvements; and

12 WHEREAS, relying on private funds, ticket sales, sponsorships, and concessions to generate
13 the additional revenue necessary to compete at the Division I level is especially risky during
14 times of economic uncertainty; and

15 WHEREAS, officials at South Dakota State University indicated that they would first find



1 an athletic conference to join before moving ahead with the transition to Division I; and

2 WHEREAS, South Dakota State University's recent attempts to form a new Division I
3 conference or to join the existing Big Sky Conference have been unsuccessful:

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Seventy-ninth Legislature
5 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the
6 Legislature encourages the South Dakota Board of Regents to rescind its support of South
7 Dakota State University's pursuit to move from National Collegiate Athletics Association
8 Division II to Division I.