

# State of South Dakota

## EIGHTY-THIRD SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2008

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### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Introduced by: Senators Katus, Hoerth, Hundstad, Jerstad, Kloucek, Koetzle, Maher, Napoli, Schmidt (Dennis), Turbak Berry, and Two Bulls and Representatives Thompson, Ahlers, Feinstein, Kirkeby, Nygaard, Sigdestad, and Street

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, requesting all state agencies and all local governments  
2 which subsidize new business development in the state to require certain benefitting  
3 businesses to pay a living wage and to provide adequate health benefits to its employees.

4 WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota and many of its subdivisions of government spend  
5 considerable time and effort to attract businesses to this state; and

6 WHEREAS, many new businesses attracted to the state or to a municipality benefit from  
7 tax increment financing or other state and local subsidies; and

8 WHEREAS, the citizens of the state do not gain as much as could be expected if these  
9 businesses do not offer it employees at least a living wage and adequate health benefits; and

10 WHEREAS, any business attracted to a locality should be willing, at the minimum, to pay  
11 its employees the same entry wage and health benefits standards as the governmental entity  
12 supporting the new business pays and gives its entry-level employees:

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-Third Legislature  
14 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, requests that any



1 state agency, any municipality, or any other unit of government which offers a tax break, a grant,  
2 or other subsidy using state and local tax dollars to require any business which employs more  
3 than ten employees as a condition of receiving such governmental assistance to pay its  
4 employees at least the same wages and to offer its employees health benefits comparable to  
5 those the state agency, the municipality, or other unit of government supporting the new  
6 business development offers to its entry-level employees.