

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3081

Introduced by

Representatives Sandvig, Rose

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability
2 of requiring insurance coverage of periodic physical examinations.

3 **WHEREAS**, many potentially serious medical conditions such as high blood pressure,
4 high cholesterol, prostate cancer, colon cancer, cervical cancer, and breast cancer are
5 asymptomatic; and

6 **WHEREAS**, a periodic physical examination can prevent disease at early stages when
7 disease is more easily controlled or cured and thus reduce total health care costs; and

8 **WHEREAS**, a periodic physical examination helps a patient develop rapport and mutual
9 trust in a primary care provider; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the American Medical Association recommends scheduled papanicolaou
11 smears for women and men and women should undergo scheduled physical examinations; and

12 **WHEREAS**, most health insurance policies do not cover the costs of periodic physical
13 examinations; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly should have information on the potential benefits
15 of requiring insurance coverage;

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

18 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of requiring insurance
19 coverage of periodic physical examinations; and

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