

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3025

Introduced by

Representatives Aarsvold, Weiler, Wentz

Senator C. Nelson

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study safety issues related to cell
2 phones and driving.

3 **WHEREAS**, more than 90 million people subscribe to wireless telephone services and
4 85 percent of those subscribers use their cell phones while driving; and

5 **WHEREAS**, a 1997 study published in the New England Journal of Medicine concluded
6 that the distraction caused by cell phone use in a motor vehicle quadrupled the risk of a
7 collision during the brief period of a call, a rate equivalent to the impairment caused by legal
8 intoxication; and

9 **WHEREAS**, California, Florida, and Massachusetts impose restrictions on cell phone
10 use in automobiles; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the impact of cell phone use while driving motor vehicles in this state is
12 unknown, and preemptive measures may ensure the safety of motorists and others;

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

15 That the Legislative Council study safety issues related to cell phones and driving; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
17 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
18 the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.