

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3069

Introduced by

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Senator Fischer

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study methods to better protect the
2 health of children in the state.

3 **WHEREAS**, the high cost of health insurance and prescription drugs makes accessing
4 appropriate health care cost-prohibitive to the state's low-income residents; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the high incidence of uninsured children is resulting in untreated illness and
6 disease in children; and

7 **WHEREAS**, there are increasing rates of underage alcohol and tobacco use, illegal
8 drug use by minors, prescription drug use such as Ritalin and other mood-altering prescription
9 drugs by minors, and emotional disorders such as eating disorders in minors; and

10 **WHEREAS**, programs to prevent unmarried teen pregnancies and to encourage sexual
11 abstinence in minors should be enhanced and evaluated;

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

14 That the Legislative Council study methods to better protect the health of children in the
15 state; 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.