Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3069

Introduced by

Representatives Niemeier, Gulleson, Metcalf

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 may result 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 the15 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.