

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments****ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 3024**

Introduced by

Representatives Warnke, Brusegaard, Delmore, N. Johnson

Senators Bowman, Lindaas

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability
2 of establishing a regional school of veterinary medicine and providing preference for North
3 Dakota resident students who specialize in food animal clinical studies at the out-of-state
4 veterinary schools participating in the professional student exchange program within the North
5 Dakota University System budget.

6 **WHEREAS**, veterinarians have played and will need to continue playing a vital role in
7 the livestock industry, in caring for nondomesticated animals, and in caring for the companion
8 animals of our citizens; and

9 **WHEREAS**, there is a recognized shortage of food animal veterinarians to serve the
10 livestock industry in rural North Dakota; and

11 **WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of North Dakota citizens to ensure that there are
12 ample numbers of highly qualified veterinarians able and willing to provide medical services to
13 all animals for which the citizens of North Dakota are directly or indirectly responsible; and

14 **WHEREAS**, there are presently only 27 veterinary medical colleges in the United
15 States; and

16 **WHEREAS**, if North Dakota students wish to pursue careers in veterinary medicine,
17 they must do so at out-of-state institutions such as Colorado State University, Iowa State
18 University, Kansas State University, Oregon State University, Washington State University, the
19 University of Minnesota, and the University of California - Davis; and

20 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota students who graduate from schools of veterinary medicine
21 in other states are faced with significant debt repayment obligations and often find that those
22 states offer better employment and specialization opportunities, as well as higher salary levels
23 than those that could be achieved in food animal veterinary practice in North Dakota;

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

1 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of establishing a
2 regional school of veterinary medicine and providing preference for North Dakota resident
3 students who specialize in food animal clinical studies at the out-of-state veterinary schools
4 participating in the professional exchange grant program within the North Dakota University
5 System budget; and

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
7 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
8 the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly.