

**Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2003**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3050
(Representatives Ekstrom, N. Johnson, M. Klein)
(Senators Cook, Espegard, Heitkamp)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the equity of the current system for awarding workers' compensation death benefits and the feasibility and desirability of creating a death benefit investment system.

WHEREAS, as a result of injuries received in the workplace, some injured employees have permanent or long-term disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a permanent or long-term disability negatively impacts an injured employee's ability to earn a living and support that employee's family; and

WHEREAS, the cost of purchasing and maintaining life insurance is not only higher for an injured employee due to the disability, but is also less affordable due to decreased income; and

WHEREAS, it is questionable whether the state's workers' compensation system adequately addresses problems injured employees face in providing for their survivors after death; and

WHEREAS, other states, such as Washington, have created workers' compensation death benefit investment systems that address these problems;

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

That the Legislative Council study the equity of the state's current system for awarding workers' compensation death benefits and the feasibility and desirability of creating a death benefit investment system; and

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2003,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State