

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3056
(Representatives Boucher, Devlin, Svedjan)
(Senator Mathern)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study whether this state is experiencing a medical insurance crisis that impacts the availability and affordability of liability insurance for medical providers and medical facilities, including a study of methods of improving the availability and affordability of liability insurance and the feasibility of allowing medical providers and medical facilities to participate in an insurance reserve fund managed by the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund or other like entity.

WHEREAS, national, regional, and local reports in the media indicate there is a medical insurance crisis in the country, region, and state; and

WHEREAS, lack of availability and affordability of medical liability insurance will negatively impact the provision of medical services within this state, including the availability of childbirth medical services and nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, states are taking a variety of approaches to address the medical insurance crisis, including insurance market interventions, tort reforms, alternative dispute resolution, and patient safety efforts; and

WHEREAS, in order to effectively address any medical insurance problem in this state in a manner that is specific to the needs of this state, it is necessary to fully understand the unique dynamics of such a problem as they may exist in this state;

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

That the Legislative Council study whether this state is experiencing a medical insurance crisis that impacts the availability and affordability of liability insurance for medical providers and medical facilities, including a study of methods of improving the availability and affordability of liability insurance and the feasibility of allowing medical providers and medical facilities to participate in an insurance reserve fund managed by the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund or other like entity; 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