

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 school of veterinary science within the North Dakota University System.

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

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

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

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

15 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota students who graduate from schools of veterinary medicine in
16 other states are faced with significant debt repayment obligations and often find that those
17 states offer better employment and specialization opportunities, as well as higher salary levels
18 than those that could be achieved in North Dakota;

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

21 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of establishing a school
22 of veterinary medicine within the North Dakota University System; and

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