

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3034

Introduced by

Representative DeKrey

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the civil commitment laws of
2 North Dakota, chapter 25-03.1, court decisions concerning civil commitment, and the civil
3 commitment laws of the other states.

4 **WHEREAS**, the North Dakota civil commitment law, codified as chapter 25-03.1, was
5 enacted in 1977 and has not received a comprehensive review since 1993; and

6 **WHEREAS**, treatment practices and services for both substance abuse and mental
7 illness have changed markedly in that time with many more services being delivered at the
8 community level; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the current North Dakota civil commitment law requires cooperation and
10 coordination between diverse entities within the state, including the Department of Human
11 Services, state's attorneys and law enforcement, as well as other interested parties; and

12 **WHEREAS**, with the changes in practice, research, and need in North Dakota, it would
13 be timely to perform a comprehensive study of chapter 25-03.1 and to recommend changes to
14 the law to reflect the evolution of treatment practices and services;

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

17 That the Legislative Council study the civil commitment laws of North Dakota, chapter
18 25-03.1, court decisions concerning civil commitment, and the civil commitment laws of other
19 states; and

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