

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3022

Introduced by

Representatives Sandvig, Charging, S. Meyer

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study data regarding cervical cancer
2 and human papillomavirus, evaluate current methods of public education and access to regular
3 cervical cancer screening, and consider options for increasing screening accuracy.

4 **WHEREAS**, cervical cancer is the second most common cancer in women worldwide
5 after breast cancer; and

6 **WHEREAS**, according to United States cervical cancer statistics, cervical cancer is the
7 third most common gynecological cancer among American women, accounting for
8 approximately 12,200 new cases diagnosed annually, with 4,100 of these cases resulting in
9 fatalities; and

10 **WHEREAS**, cervical cancer cases in the United States are generally attributed to lack of
11 education, lack of access to regular cervical cancer screening, and lack of screening accuracy;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, new screening technologies, including Food and Drug
14 Administration-approved testing for human papillomavirus, which is the cause of virtually all
15 cervical cancers, offer new opportunities to eliminate this potentially deadly disease through
16 early identification of women at increased risk; and

17 **WHEREAS**, women are entitled to proper cervical cancer information, so that they can
18 be empowered to make informed health care decisions, and to access to routine screening,
19 including the most accurate methods available;

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

22 That the Legislative Council study data regarding cervical cancer and human
23 papillomavirus, evaluate current methods of public education and access to regular cervical
24 cancer screening, and consider options for increasing screening accuracy; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
- 2 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 3 the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly.