Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3013

Introduced by

Representatives Zaiser, Amerman, Delmore, Griffin, Kaldor

Senator Potter

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the availability of legal

2 representation to assist injured employees in understanding and pursuing Workforce Safety and

3 Insurance decisions.

WHEREAS, during the 2007-08 interim, the interim Industry, Business, and Labor
Committee and the Workers' Compensation Review Committee studied workers' compensation
issues, including receipt of testimony from injured employees who expressed concern with the
lack of availability of lawyers willing to represent injured employees in workers' compensation
cases; and
WHEREAS the state's workers' compensation laws can be complex and difficult for a

9 WHEREAS, the state's workers' compensation laws can be complex and difficult for a
10 layperson to navigate; and

11 WHEREAS, the importance of making knowledge-based decisions in workers'

12 compensation matters is evidenced by Workforce Safety and Insurance's use of legal

13 representation; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota law and Workforce Safety and Insurance administrative rules
address the terms under which an injured employee may be reimbursed for attorney's fees and
costs;

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

That the Legislative Council study the availability of legal representation to assist injured
employees in understanding and pursuing Workforce Safety and Insurance decisions; 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 Sixty-second Legislative Assembly.