

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4020

Introduced by

Senator Robinson

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the causes of increases
2 in Department of Human Services caseloads and program utilization and the impact of federal
3 health care reform.

4 **WHEREAS**, the 2009 Legislative Assembly provided a total general fund appropriation for
5 the Department of Human Services of \$652.2 million, which is \$58.3 million, or 9.8 percent,
6 more than the legislative appropriation for the 2007-09 biennium; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the 2011-13 executive budget provides a total general fund appropriation for
8 the Department of Human Services of \$927.4 million, which is \$275.2 million, or 42.2 percent,
9 more than the legislative appropriation for the 2009-11 biennium; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Human Services is experiencing increases in caseloads and
11 program utilization, including an increase in the number of Medicaid eligibles from 53,644 in
12 December 2008 to 63,473 in November 2010; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the state of North Dakota is experiencing low unemployment, increases in
14 personal income, and a strong economy; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will increase the future
16 expenditures of the Department of Human Services beyond the control of the state of North
17 Dakota;

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

20 That the Legislative Management study the causes of the increases in the Department of
21 Human Services caseloads and program utilization and the impact of federal health care
22 reform; and

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

