

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3004

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Budget Committee on Home and Community Care)

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the means of expanding home
2 and community-based service availability, options for training additional qualified service
3 providers, adequacy of geropsychiatric services, and the feasibility of combining service
4 reimbursement payment sources to allow payments to flow to a broadened array of elderly and
5 disabled services options.

6 **WHEREAS**, during the 1995-96 interim the Department of Human Services and the
7 Department of Health formed a Task Force on Long-Term Care Planning and presented
8 recommendations to the Legislative Council's Budget Committee on Home and Community
9 Care and the Insurance and Health Care Committee; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in the area of long-term care service inventory, distribution, and
11 alternatives, the Budget Committee on Home and Community Care recommended statutory
12 changes relating to the moratorium on long-term care beds and allowing pilot projects for the
13 conversion of existing long-term care beds for use by the Alzheimer's and related dementia
14 population; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the availability of qualified service providers in rural areas may be limited,
16 potential providers may lack the skills necessary to meet required competency standards, and
17 training opportunities are limited, which may require the rural elderly and disabled to choose
18 between relocating to access services or going without necessary services; and

19 **WHEREAS**, expanded training of qualified service providers could enhance the
20 availability and improve the quality of home and community-based services; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the State Hospital is reviewing the adequacy of geropsychiatric care and
22 developing a plan to provide outreach support for nursing homes in need of intervention
23 services for this special population and the State Hospital may need to provide inpatient
24 geropsychiatric care; and

1 **WHEREAS**, a combining of service reimbursement payment sources could provide
2 increased flexibility or portability of service payments to allow payments to flow to a broadened
3 array of service options for the elderly and disabled;

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

6 That the Legislative Council study the means of expanding elderly and disabled service
7 availability, options for training additional qualified service providers, adequacy of
8 geropsychiatric services, and the feasibility of combining service reimbursement payment
9 sources to allow payments to flow to a broadened array of elderly and disabled services
10 options; and

11 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
12 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
13 the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.