

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3016

Introduced by

Representatives S. Kelsh, Jensen

Senators Fischer, Lee, T. Mathern

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the qualifications, standards,
2 and the monitoring requirements for guardianship services for incapacitated persons.

3 **WHEREAS**, the Guardianship Association of North Dakota has been formed; and

4 **WHEREAS**, a 1996 study of guardianship needs conducted by the Bush Foundation
5 and the Aging Services Division of the North Dakota Department of Human Services
6 determined that a large number of incapacitated persons in the state are in need of
7 guardianship services; and

8 **WHEREAS**, there is an insufficient number of qualified and available guardians in the
9 state to handle the complex needs of incapacitated persons; and

10 **WHEREAS**, many family members of incapacitated persons are unable to be guardians
11 due to distance and other factors; and

12 **WHEREAS**, demographic projections for North Dakota indicate significant increases in
13 the number of elderly persons who will be in need of a range of services;

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

16 That the Legislative Council study the qualifications, standards, and the monitoring
17 requirements for guardianship services for incapacitated persons; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the study include an examination of other states'
19 qualifications, standards, and monitoring requirements for guardianship services; 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-seventh Legislative Assembly.