

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3050

Introduced by

Representatives Ekstrom, N. Johnson, M. Klein

Senators Cook, Espegard, Heitkamp

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the equity of the current
2 system for awarding workers' compensation death benefits and the feasibility and desirability
3 of creating a death benefit investment system.

4 **WHEREAS**, as a result of injuries received in the workplace, some injured employees
5 have permanent or long-term disabilities; and

6 **WHEREAS**, a permanent or long-term disability negatively impacts an injured
7 employee's ability to earn a living and support that employee's family; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the cost of purchasing and maintaining life insurance is not only higher for
9 an injured employee due to the disability, but is also less affordable due to decreased income;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, it is questionable whether the state's workers' compensation system
12 adequately addresses problems injured employees face in providing for their survivors after
13 death; and

14 **WHEREAS**, other states, such as Washington, have created workers' compensation
15 death benefit investment systems that address these problems;

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

18 That the Legislative Council study the equity of the state's current system for awarding
19 workers' compensation death benefits and the feasibility and desirability of creating a death
20 benefit investment system; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
22 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
23 the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly.