

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 3056

Introduced by

Representatives Boucher, Devlin, Svedjan

Senator Mathern

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study whether this state is
2 experiencing a medical insurance crisis that impacts the availability and affordability of liability
3 insurance for medical providers and medical facilities, including a study of methods of
4 improving the availability and affordability of liability insurance and the feasibility of allowing
5 medical providers and medical facilities to participate in an insurance reserve fund managed by
6 the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund or other like entity.

7 **WHEREAS**, national, regional, and local reports in the media indicate there is a medical
8 insurance crisis in the country, region, and state; and

9 **WHEREAS**, lack of availability and affordability of medical liability insurance will
10 negatively impact the provision of medical services within this state, including the availability of
11 childbirth medical services and nursing homes; and

12 **WHEREAS**, states are taking a variety of approaches to address the medical insurance
13 crisis, including insurance market interventions, tort reforms, alternative dispute resolution, and
14 patient safety efforts; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in order to effectively address any medical insurance problem in this state
16 in a manner that is specific to the needs of this state, it is necessary to fully understand the
17 unique dynamics of such a problem as they may exist in this state;

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

20 That the Legislative Council study whether this state is experiencing a medical
21 insurance crisis that impacts the availability and affordability of liability insurance for medical
22 providers and medical facilities, including a study of methods of improving the availability and
23 affordability of liability insurance and the feasibility of allowing medical providers and medical
24 facilities to participate in an insurance reserve fund managed by the North Dakota Insurance
25 Reserve Fund or other like entity; and

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