

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3068

Introduced by

Representatives Niemeier, Boucher, Kerzman, Potter

Senator Christenson

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the state's children's health
2 insurance program and the medical assistance program and the most efficient manner of
3 implementing these programs.

4 **WHEREAS**, it is imperative that the state maximize the return on every dollar of state
5 funds used for the provision of medical services for low-income families; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the funding for the medical assistance program is 32 percent state and
7 68 percent federal compared to the state's children's health insurance program which is
8 22 percent state and 78 percent federal; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the per capita cost of medical assistance coverage exceeds the per capita
10 cost of the state's children's health insurance program coverage; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the income level limit for medical assistance is 133 percent of the federal
12 poverty level and the limit for the state's children's health insurance program is 140 percent of
13 the federal poverty level; and

14 **WHEREAS**, although a combined medical assistance and state children's health
15 insurance program application has been implemented, the application for the state's children's
16 health insurance program should be less cumbersome than the medical assistance application;

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

19 That the Legislative Council study the state's children's health insurance program and
20 the medical assistance program and the most efficient manner of implementing these
21 programs; and

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