

Introduced by

Senator J. Lee

Representative N. Johnson

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the impact of the Patient
2 Protection and Affordable Care Act on the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota
3 and the statutes governing the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota.

4 **WHEREAS**, the enactment of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act makes
5 significant changes to the health insurance industry and includes a provision guaranteeing
6 health insurance coverage for all North Dakotans beginning in 2014; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota was established by the
8 Legislative Assembly as the state's high-risk pool to provide an important safety net for those
9 who have been denied insurance coverage in the individual market, to provide coverage for
10 individuals who are disabled or age 65 or over, and to provide other special programs; and

11 **WHEREAS**, provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act do not directly
12 apply to state high-risk pools like the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota and
13 the demand for coverage under the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota may be
14 significantly impacted with the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act;

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

17 That the Legislative Management study the impact of the Patient Protection and Affordable
18 Care Act on the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota and the statutes governing
19 the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and
21 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
22 the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly.