

Sixty-eighth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 3018**

Introduced by

Representatives Conmy, Nelson

Senator Hogan

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying strategies to  
2 increase the number of North Dakotans who receive health benefits coverage.

3 **WHEREAS**, the Kaiser Family Foundation reports 2021 data for North Dakota indicates  
4 57.5 percent of North Dakotans received health care benefits through an employer, 7.9 percent  
5 through nongroup coverage, 9.8 percent through Medicaid, 14.4 percent through Medicare, and  
6 2.7 percent through the military, and 7.7 percent were uninsured; and

7 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota is facing a workforce shortage, with an unemployment rate of  
8 approximately 2.3 percent; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the state can strengthen its partnership with private businesses by  
10 investigating innovative opportunities to increase health benefits coverage, helping to draw  
11 workers to North Dakota; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the state can leverage federal funds to increase health benefits coverage for  
13 low-income workers through Medicaid, Medicaid Expansion, and the children's health insurance  
14 program; and

15 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota's natural resources place the state in a unique position to fund  
16 initiatives to increase access to health benefits coverage;

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

19 That the Legislative Management consider studying strategies to increase the number of  
20 North Dakotans who receive health benefits coverage; and

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