

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3001

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Budget Committee on Long-Term Care)

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the expansion of psychiatric
2 and geropsychiatric training for general practice and family practice physicians at the University
3 of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

4 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota's rural counties have generally maintained federal health
5 professional shortage area designation for psychiatric services; and

6 **WHEREAS**, recent national studies indicate that a significant portion of mental health
7 care for residents of rural areas may be rendered by primary care providers; and

8 **WHEREAS**, mental health services in rural areas are far less accessible than is
9 considered desirable; and

10 **WHEREAS**, it is important to enhance the knowledge of networking and consulting
11 opportunities, as well as to support the enhancement of service delivery; and

12 **WHEREAS**, there is a need to enhance the mental health service capacity of primary
13 care providers, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants in the rural areas; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences is
15 the only physician training facility in the state of North Dakota;

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 expansion of psychiatric and geropsychiatric
19 training for general practice and family practice physicians at the University of North Dakota
20 School of Medicine and Health Sciences; 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-seventh Legislative Assembly.