

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3002

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Budget Committee on Long-Term Care)

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study American Indian long-term
2 care and case management needs, access to appropriate services, and the functional
3 relationship between state service units and the North Dakota American Indian reservation
4 service systems.

5 **WHEREAS**, the 1995-96 Task Force on Long-Term Care Planning reported that in the
6 area of long-term care service inventory, distribution, and alternatives, long-term care services
7 within North Dakota American Indian service areas and reservations vary widely, ranging from a
8 nursing facility that is not owned or operated by a tribe to unlicensed facilities and home-based
9 care provided under several entitlement programs; and

10 **WHEREAS**, coordination and application of various American Indian long-term care
11 programs and service components are directed by tribal policy and organizational structure; and

12 **WHEREAS**, various noninstitutional care components appear to be available on
13 reservations, but service arrangement and delivery may not be adequately coordinated and
14 case management services for elderly reservation residents, if available, could result in a
15 significant increase in the effectiveness of service delivery for that population; and

16 **WHEREAS**, during the 1997-98 interim, the Department of Human Services and the
17 Department of Health formed a Task Force on Long-Term Care Planning to study American
18 Indian long-term care and case management needs, access to services, and the functional
19 relationship between state service units and American Indian reservation service systems; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the Task Force on Long-Term Care Planning was unable to establish a
21 subcommittee, composed of representatives from each North Dakota American Indian
22 reservation, to carry out these provisions during the 1997-98 interim; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Task Force on Long-Term Care Planning has determined that a
24 separate working group needs to be established on each reservation in order to successfully
25 carry out these provisions;

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

3 That the Legislative Council study American Indian long-term care and case
4 management needs, access to appropriate services, and the functional relationship between
5 state service units and the North Dakota American Indian reservation service systems; and

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
7 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
8 the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly.