

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Health Services Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the feasibility and
2 desirability of community paramedics providing additional clinical and public health services,
3 particularly in rural areas of the state.

4 **WHEREAS**, the integration of public health and primary care at the community level may
5 increase health care services to vulnerable citizens; and

6 **WHEREAS**, a shortage of clinical and public health providers exists in rural areas of the
7 state; and

8 **WHEREAS**, demand for emergency medical services is increasing in many rural areas of
9 the state; and

10 **WHEREAS**, emergency medical services systems in rural areas of the state are
11 experiencing a shortage of volunteers; and

12 **WHEREAS**, emergency medical services systems in rural areas are often unable to
13 generate sufficient operating revenues;

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

16 That the Legislative Management study the feasibility and desirability of community
17 paramedics providing additional clinical and public health services, particularly in rural areas of
18 the state, including the ability to receive third-party reimbursement for the cost of these services
19 and the effect of these services on the operations and sustainability of the current emergency
20 medical services system; 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-fourth Legislative Assembly.