

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the feasibility and
2 desirability of utilizing state funds to provide health insurance, workers' compensation
3 insurance, or other benefits to volunteer firefighters, volunteer emergency medical service
4 personnel, and volunteer ambulance workers across the state, including determining whether
5 the community volunteers would be covered in the case of an accident or injury, the scope and
6 conditions of coverage, and the overall cost to insure community volunteers.

7 **WHEREAS**, volunteer firefighters, volunteer emergency medical service personnel, and
8 volunteer ambulance workers are a vital resource regarding the administering of aid to others in
9 times of crisis; and

10 **WHEREAS**, it is important to offer protection and peace of mind to volunteers, and their
11 families, who willingly place themselves in harm's way for the benefit of those in need; and

12 **WHEREAS**, a failure to look out for the health and well-being of volunteers may have a
13 negative impact on those individuals' willingness to continue to fill vital volunteer roles in the
14 future to the detriment of the entire state;

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 feasibility and desirability of utilizing state
18 funds to provide health insurance, workers' compensation insurance, or other benefits to
19 volunteer firefighters, volunteer emergency medical service personnel, and volunteer
20 ambulance workers across the state, including determining whether the community volunteers
21 would be covered in the case of an accident or injury, the scope and conditions of coverage,
22 and the overall cost to insure community volunteers; and

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